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THE FSR TEAM

SEPTEMBER and October 1964 were crisis months for *Flying Saucer Review:* the Editor, Waveney Girvan, was lying in hospital, so seriously ill that only those closest to him were permitted to visit him. Friends who endeavoured to stand in for him experienced some difficulty in "picking up the threads," and were left numbed and shocked when he died on October 22.

On the production side the journal had been run virtually as a one-man organisation, and by November of that year we had learned with dismay that our late Editor had left no FSR papers, correspondence or manuscripts, at his Hampshire home. Your present Editor had little to guide him in his task save the memory of his conversations with Waveney Girvan about publishing policy and plans, and about a few cases. Fortunately there were helpers at hand who were devoted to the *Review*, and by the turn of the year the journal was pressing forward with renewed vigour.

From the end of 1964 it was recognised that there was a need to acknowledge publicly the unstinted efforts of those who had helped to keep the journal alive, and it was decided to establish a "masthead"—in a style that was new to the journal—which included their names. Furthermore, as these gentlemen were consulted frequently, what better than to list them as *consultants?*

Pride of place was due to Gordon Creighton, a scholar possessed of a remarkable knowledge of European and Oriental languages who had served for many years as a British diplomat, and who was a researcher with a large circle of overseas correspondents in our field. His work for *Flying Saucer Review* and its parent company, of which he is a director, has been invaluable, and the subject will be forever indebted to him not only for his fine translations, but also for the breadth of his outlook and the originality of his ideas.

Generous help and encouragement were given also by Dr. Bernard E. Finch, a contributor to our journal since its earliest days. Here was a busy medical practitioner who found time to investigate many reports, to examine witnesses, and to pass on the benefit of his professional experience in valuable studies regarding the possible effects on human beings of close encounters with UFOs.

When Daniel Lloyd, an experienced editor and journalist, joined us in 1965 the nucleus of the team was complete.

Since then, invitations to become consultants have been extended, as a mark of appreciation, to those who, in the pages of our journal, have rendered important service to the furtherance of knowledge and understanding of our subject.

We are deeply conscious of the value of the help given us by C. Maxwell Cade, radiation medicine specialist, hypnotherapist, scientist and engineer, whose advice has covered the fields of general and medical science and electronics, and who is particularly known for his series of papers *A Long Cool Look at Alien Intelligence*, and for his contributions on ball lightning and crypto-sensory response. We are grateful too to Charles Gibbs-Smith, eminent aviation historian, and one of our directors, whose tremendous

knowledge in his specialist field has been of especial value, and who has made important contributions regarding photographic incidents, particularly Cappoquin, during the investigation of which he introduced to us our photographic consultant, Percy Hennell; to R. H. B. Winder, another director and investigator, by profession a design engineer, and author of the intriguing *Design for a Flying Saucer;* to Aimé Michel, French parapsychologist, science journalist and broadcaster, perhaps the best-known of all students of UFO reports, discoverer of orthoteny, and reporter and chronicler in our pages of the continuing investigations of the Valensole affair, of *The Strange Case of Dr. "X"*, of the *Palaeolithic UFO-shapes* and of studies on many other important matters; to Dr. Berthold E. Schwarz, psychiatric specialist whose probing studies have included *Gary Wilcox and the Ufonauts* and *The Port Monmouth Landing*.

Those are the reasons—set out for the benefit of our new and recent readers—why our magazine carries a list of consultants. We repeat that our listing of the names of these friends and colleagues is made in appreciation of their valued services, and certainly not as an idle exercise in name dropping or window dressing.

Our thanks are extended too to John Lade for his seventeen years of service as Company Secretary and for his pioneering contributions, to our first Editor, Derek D. Dempster, who still serves as a director, and to Miss Eileen Buckle for her five years' "hard labour" of secretarial and editorial assistance and, in addition, for her work as assistant editor of *FSR Case Histories*.

This then is the team which has done so much to maintain the high standards of our publications, and to promote the acceptance of the subject as one that is respectable and worthy of serious scientific study.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PRICE INCREASES

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THE UFOs AND HISTORY

Reflections on a programme of possible research

Aimé Michel

Translation: Gordon Creighton.

LET us suppose that a mind as superior to the human mind as the latter is superior to animal mind should manifest itself in our environment: how would we be able to study it?

1. The first thing that is obvious is that we would have to abandon the idea of defining its manifestations within the framework of our own thinking* and, consequently, quit calling it "mind"; and if, for reasons of convenience, we were to go on calling it "mind", we ought never to forget that it could manifest itself outside the limits of what we call "mind", just as our own mind manifests itself outside the limits of instinct;

2. Consequently we would not be able to discard the hypothesis that this other "mind" might be capable of manifesting itself to us in frameworks pertaining to categories that are not psychological *for us;* for example, the manifestations might be within the framework of what we call *physics*, or of what we call *physiology*, etc., etc.

3. As a result, we would be obliged to learn not to discard any possibility, even though it be absurd; on the other hand, as a corollary, we would also be obliged to doubt everything.

4. We would also be obliged to learn not to accept any proofs except within the particular framework in which they are discovered and demonstrated, since the deeper-lying structures of a supposedly super-psychological phenomenon would always escape our comprehension.

II. The Application

In the light of this, here are a few remarks on three pieces of research in which I have been engaged, namely: (a) the palaeolithic drawings showing UFO shapes; (b) the case of Dr. "X"; and (c) the case of Monsieur Vincent.†

1. *Nothing* can guarantee us against the possibility that these three investigations may lead us up false trails. This would be somewhat discouraging only for those who have not grasped that Ufology, by its very definition, is the most difficult, and intellectually the most dangerous, of all researches.

2. However, the false trails along which each of these three investigations (or other enquiries of a like nature) run the risk of leading us lie in the domain of the hypothetical: but the facts of the matter are certain. *It is certain* that the palaeolithic drawings being studied by us are in the form of UFOs; *it is certain* that the story of Dr. "X" reveals an infrastructure which is arithmetically demonstrable; *it is certain* that Monsieur Vincent was born on the *Bavic Line*, that he vanished for two years of his life, and that he was one of the most eminent men of the XVIIth century; *it is certain* that the *Bavic Line* passes over the valley of La Vézère, where the most important sites of the Upper Palaeolithic are located.

It is no less certain that all these facts suggest certain hypotheses, such as: that *Bavic* represents a privileged zone of activity for the unknown "mind" and for the latter's intervention in the history of mankind; that this unknown "mind" knows our thoughts; it acts upon them, it acts upon our bodies, upon our own activities, and so on.

3. Our first methodological problem is consequently the problem of knowing how to select, from among our various hypotheses, only ideas for new research, without allowing ourselves to be led away into interpreting what is really happening in terms of those hypotheses. For what is really happening is perhaps hopelessly incomprehensible for us.

4. In the precise cases of these three investigations in question, our hypotheses invite exploration in a certain number of directions, viz.:

(a) research concerning the great men who were born along the *Bavic Line*, and study of their effects on History (for example, *Pasteur* was born on the *Bavic Line*, at Dôle¶;

(b) similar research on the great historical events that have occurred along *Bavic;*

(c) research to ascertain whether those great men and those historic events *have inflected human evolution* and, if the answer is yes, then in what senses have they done so. It will be noted that, should a positive result be arrived at, it would be of very great interest indeed in the light of the graph established by de Cayeux.§ Were it to be proved that what has happened along *Bavic* has influenced Human History in a non-random fashion, *then this would mean that the unknown "mind" has been watching over us ever since our animal origins, influencing us in such a manner that our evolution shall always obey the exponential acceleration of progress.* Taking into consideration the *discontinuity* foreseen for the XXIst century in de Cayeux's graph, it would also mean that the action of this unknown "mind" on us *has been preparing us, for millions of years past, for an event which will occur in the lifetime of our children, and will lead to a metamorphosis of our species.*

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† EDITOR'S NOTE: For (a) see *Palaeolithic UFO-Shapes* by Aimé Michel in FSR Vol. 15, No. 6, November/December 1969; (b) see *The Strange Case of Dr. "X"* (Part I) by Aimé Michel in FSR Special Issue No. 3 UFO PERCIPIENTS, and Part II in FSR Vol. 17, No. 6, November/December 1971; (c) see *An Enigmatic Figure of the XVIIth Century* by Aimé Michel in FSR Vol. 18, No. 2, March/April 1972.

UFOs WITH MULTIPLE BEAMS OF LIGHT

Gordon Creighton

ALL who are familiar with the "UFO Phenomenon" know that one of its persistent features—indeed perhaps its absolutely central feature—relates to *light:* directed beams of light; lights and illuminations moving through sequences of colour-change; coherent, "tubular", laser-like beams that, from landed objects, sweep and probe the countryside, often up to distances of as much as one or two kilometres; beams of light on which entities allegedly descend and then return to their hovering craft; light beams that *bend* (more about this in the near future); corona-like discharges of light from the surfaces of what seem to be metallic vessels. And so on. There seem to be no limits to the gamut of light-phenomena allegedly associated with UFOs. If we understood more about light than we do at present, would we perhaps understand more about UFOs, and about their method of propulsion?

Many other reports emphasise moreover that there are entities which use beams of light or luminous objects or globes as a means of controlling the minds of the humans who encounter them; to cause dogs and other animals to doze off or become entranced, as at Trancas and elsewhere, or to levitate their human victims into the air, as at Itaperuna. And there are beams of light that kill or maim.

A few reports are of daytime sightings, in which strange beams of light (or some other sort of radiation?) pour down upon the earth from the mystery objects in our skies. In some of these cases, no such beams or rays, indeed no UFO, are seen by the percipient, who only becomes aware that there is something odd about his photographs when he has had them developed and finds that they seem to reveal "craft" or "beams" or "radiations" of which he had had no inkling at the time. Frequently of course there is a good explanation—and a valid one—such as lens-flare, double exposure, chemical fault, etc. Obviously we are only going to be interested in cases where none of these explanations help. Here are three such cases, one in daylight, and two at night.

I. The Minas Gerais Cases

No. 36 of Dr. W. Buhler's "Brazilian Cases in 1968 and 1969, Part 2" (issued in *FSR Case Histories*, No. 3 of February 1971, page 11), gives a sketch from the Brazilian newspaper *Correio Braziliense* of July 13, 1969, to illustrate the lenticular or cigar-shaped objects from which Sr. Ubaldo Rosas saw powerful beams of light pouring down as he was driving at night along a road near Coromandel, State of Minas Gerais, in the first half of September 1968.

II. The French Case in Lot-et-Garonne

For the details of this most remarkable recent case we are greatly indebted to Col. Pierre Berton and Monsieur René Fouéré, Secrétaire Général of the French Investigatory Group G.E.P.A., whose excellent *Phénomènes Spatiaux* No. 30 (December 1971) contains an account written by Colonel Berton at M. Fouéré's special request.

Accompanied by two officers of the Gendarmerie,[1] the Colonel interviewed the eyewitness only a week after the event and was able to produce an exemplary report of great clarity and thoroughness.

The date of the sighting was on the night of Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14, 1971, and the first account of it appeared in the newspaper *La Dépêche du Midi* of November 19 under the headline: **Farmer in Lot-et-Garonne Pursued By Mystery Machine.**

The place was Lachapelle, a rural area some 12 kilometres to the north-east of Seyches,[2] in the *arrondissement* of Marmande, Département of Lot-et-Garonne.

At about 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, the

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Finally, it would lend some sort of meaning to many puzzling and disturbing things that are at this very moment taking place before our eyes. And, maybe, right at the outset, it would lend some meaning to the reported appearances, at the close of the XXth century, of the UFOs.

Notes

* See *Project Dick*, FSR Vol. 18, No. 1 (January/February 1972).

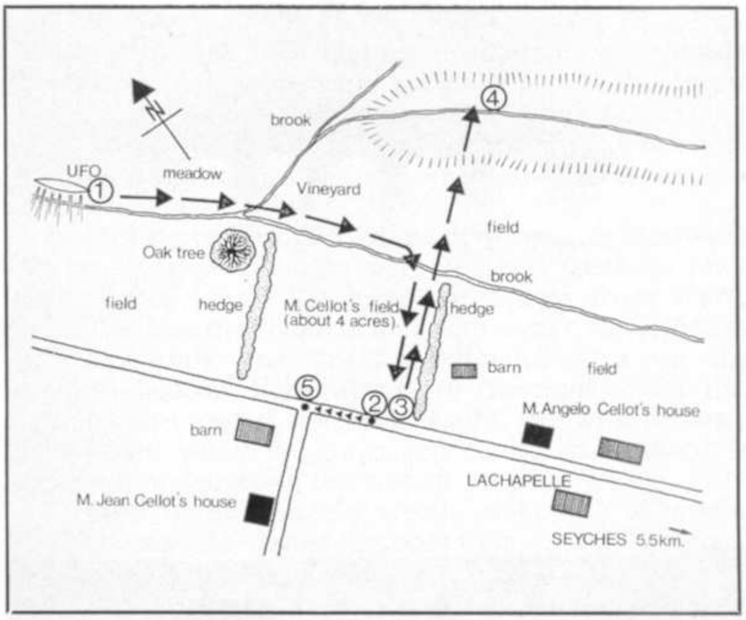
¶ But —who knows—couldn't it perhaps be *not* the place of birth, *but the place of procreation*, that is decisive?

In the case of Saint Vincent, his parents were poor peasants, who never travelled, so that he certainly must have been procreated in their home, and therefore right on the *Bavic Line*.

But what about other cases? I should, for example, be interested to know the true facts about such a figure as Mozart! Can anybody tell us, I wonder, precisely where it was that Leopold Mozart and his wife "laid the keel" of the little Wolfgang Amadeus?

§ See André de Cayeux: *La Science de la Terre* (Bordas, Paris, 1969) and, in particular, his chronological Chart of the Evolution of Human Cultures which I have quoted in my earlier article *Project Dick* (in FSR Vol. 18, No. 1).

Since I wrote *Project Dick* I have received (from Russia) further material in support of the thesis of de Cayeux, and I shall be grateful if readers of FSR will inform me of any similar supporting evidence from English and American sources.



Key: 1. The point where the object appeared and the start of its trajectory.
2. The spot where the tractor was stopped by M. Cellot.
3. The point where the object stopped.
4. The point where object disappeared behind crest.
5. The point to which M. Cellot ran.

farmer Angelo Cellot climbed on to his tractor and set about ploughing his field, about 4 hectares in extent, which adjoins his home and has a frontage of some 200 metres on the minor local road linking Lachapelle to Saint-Avit (see sketch map).

Farmer Cellot's tractor is fitted with two front headlights and a rear light—and all of them are on. In addition, he has an adjustable spotlight.

At about 1.50 in the morning (November 14), just when he has almost finished the work, his attention is caught by a light which seems to come from a big headlamp and to be about a kilometre distant from him towards the north-west. This light is partly hidden by trees, and he decides that it must probably be some other farmer who, like himself, is doing a bit of night-ploughing with his tractor, and so pays no more heed to it.

But later, as he is driving his tractor downhill towards the little stream which is the northern boundary of his field, he again notices the light and realises that it is slowly coming towards him, *that it is not on the ground*, and that there is a small red light to the right of it. As the noise of his tractor prevents him from hearing anything, he assumes it must be a helicopter that is approaching, with the red light fixed on the tip of its tail.

He has now finished his furrow and is about to work his way back up the slope towards the road. As the object is still getting nearer, he turns round several times to take a better look at it, and he puts his adjustable spotlight on to it, so as to be able to identify what it is.

But the object is now only about 40 metres above him, right overhead, and it is travelling at approximately the same speed as his tractor (5 km.p.h.). It is as bright as daylight, and his tractor is lit up by a powerful yellow light that seems to be coming from a row of five powerful lamps. And the little red light is still there, about four or five metres to the right of the row of yellow lamps, and in line with them.

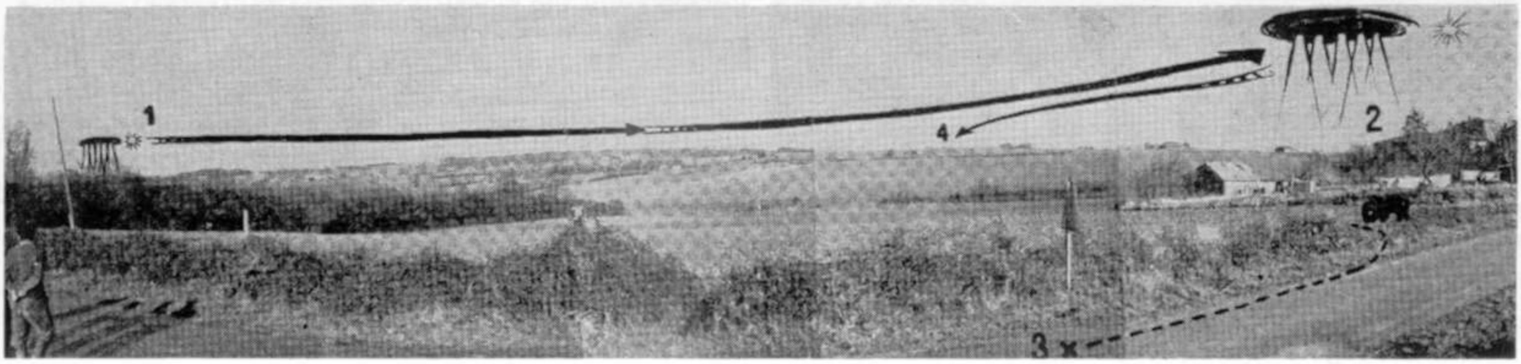
Puzzled, though not yet frightened, the witness again comes to the end of a furrow, up by the road, and he halts. And at that precise moment the object, which has become stationary above him, begins a slow descent, until it is perhaps ten or fifteen metres from the ground. Seized by sudden panic and thinking that an aircraft in difficulty is about to crash on top of him, M. Cellot changes into neutral, and, switching off neither engine nor lights, jumps down and dashes along the road towards brother Jean's house to give the alarm and get help should it be needed.[3]

But when he has got to about thirty metres from his tractor, he glances back and sees that the object is now climbing again[4] and is moving away back along the same route by which it has arrived. So he decides not to call his brother, and returns to his tractor and switches off the engine and lights. The mystery object is some 50 metres from him, and to his extreme surprise he now realises that he hears no sound from it. It is in fact moving away in the most absolute silence.

Still withdrawing, and with the red light still on its right, the object is now over the little brook. Suddenly its light becomes more intense, as though some new lamps have been switched on aboard it. Then it vanishes from sight behind a small ridge.

It is all over. But, more upset, no doubt, than he will

From *Phénomènes Spatiaux* No. 30: panoramic photographs of the district, with movements of the UFO drawn in



care to admit later to the investigators (or in front of his wife), M. Cellot has no more stomach for work, even though only thirty minutes more would see the end of it. He starts up his tractor again, with no difficulty, returns it to the barn, and goes to bed. The time is exactly 2.00 a.m.

The Witness

Monsieur Angelo Cellot, born in 1940, is a solidly built man (see photograph of him and his brother). He is of sound mind, talks freely without emphasis, but also without reticence.

As the Chief of the Brigade of Gendarmes at Seyches confirms, M. Cellot enjoys in the neighbourhood the reputation of a most excellent citizen. (He did his military service in the 126th Infantry Regiment at Brive, and he has been accustomed to keeping watch at night and being on sentry duty.) He enjoys likewise the reputation of a good husband and good father. He is sober and hardworking. He does not tell his wife about the incident until next morning, November 14.

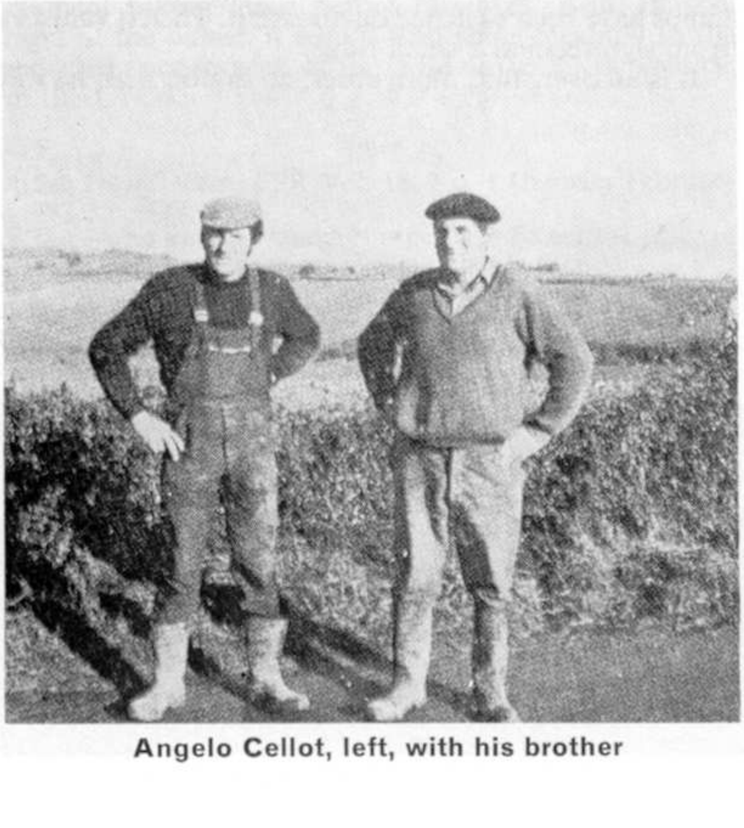
He has never previously seen such phenomena, and he has read nothing on the subject. Naturally he has heard talk of "flying saucers", just as everyone else has, but he "does not believe in them."

He states that the machine did not move in a straight line towards him, but zig-zagged slightly. It "floated", he says.

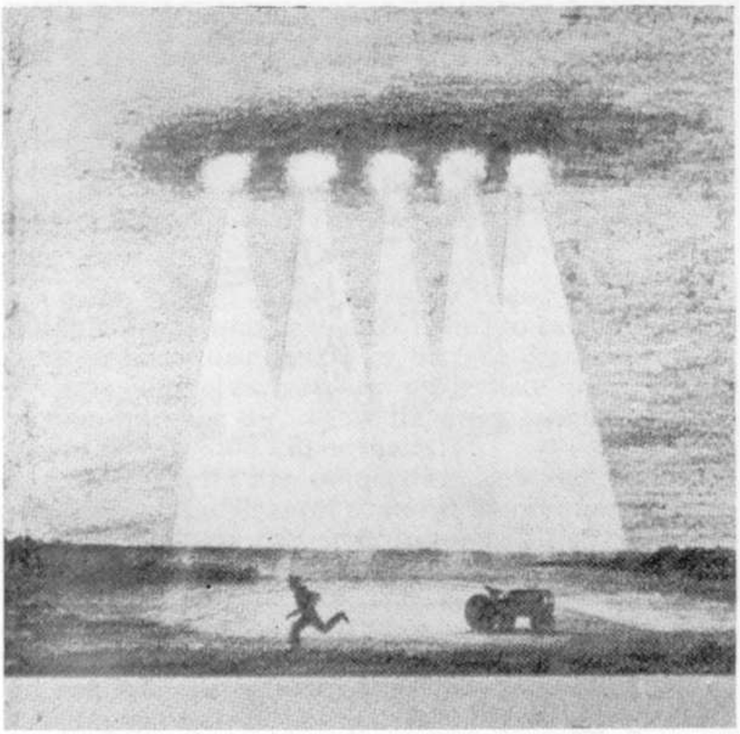
As for the red light, while it always remained at the same distance from the yellow lights, it did not seem to him to be travelling at exactly the same speed as they were. In his opinion, the length of the object, inclusive of the red light, could have been about ten metres.

The Terrain

The region is broken up by a series of small, relatively



Angelo Cellot, left, with his brother



The original of this drawing in *Phénomènes Spatiaux* included the red light. This, with the photographs on page 5, provided the inspiration for Terence Collins' cover illustration

steep valleys, and has a number of points—Lachapelle in particular—from which one can see as far as eight or ten kilometres around. A high voltage power-line is visible from Lachapelle, but it is several kilometres distant. Most of the land hereabouts is under crops, and there are a few vineyards and a few pastures. The fields are divided by natural hedges, and this feature gives the region a wooded aspect.

Monsieur Cellot's field slopes away fairly steeply towards the North, that is to say from the road down to the brook, and then the ground rises quite sharply again towards the little crest (there is a macadamised road there) where the object vanished.

The tractor has a 12-volt electrical system.

The adjustable spotlight (white light) is of 45 watts.

No residual magnetism was detectable by compass in the field on November 30.

M. Cellot has been asked to watch how the wheat in his field (sown *since* November 14) develops, and whether there is any difference between the wheat on that part of the field that was illuminated by the flying object, and the wheat on the rest of the field.

The Weather

The weather at the time was misty, indeed a fine drizzle was falling.

It had rained on the afternoon of November 13, and there would be rain again next morning, November 14, after the happening.

But there was no wind at the time of the sighting, the sky was overcast, with no stars, and there was no Moon. (The November New Moon fell on the 18th.)

The Flying Object

The light was too intense throughout the episode for the witness to be able to make out the slightest outline of any cabin. All he was aware of was the dazzling brightness, which in any case was only of very short duration, and he has felt no other physical or mental effects since.

According to him, the lamps or projectors throwing the beams of yellow light were in a row (perhaps on a slight curve?) and the luminous beams from them, which were in the shape of clear-cut cones, nevertheless produced only one single illuminated area on the ground. The red light, always to the right of the five yellow lights and at the same height, was at a distance from them which he estimated to be approximately equal to the length of the row of projectors.

Colonel Berton made a sketch while with Monsieur Cellot, and the latter agreed that it was a good rendering.

Incidentally, it is to be noted that since the episode M. Cellot has continued to work alone in his fields at night.

Further Eyewitnesses

M. Angelo Cellot's brother, Jean, also married and with a family, lives, as mentioned, some 200 metres down the road at Lachapelle from Angelo. Like Angelo, Jean is a solid, jovial peasant, who seems perfectly sane and balanced. However, he saw nothing.

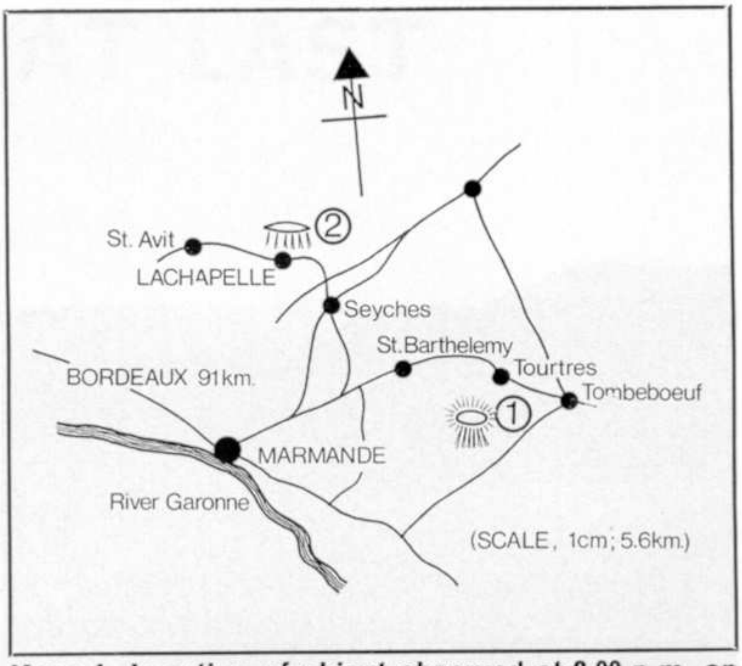
The report in the *Dépêche du Midi* mentioned an account given by another inhabitant of Lachapelle, namely Monsieur Théo Tyce, who allegedly had seen a similar phenomenon, "several days earlier." This statement is however incorrect. What M. Tyce had seen was an immense red ball, of which he had not breathed a word to anybody until now, but he had seen it not a few days before, but *four years before*. Colonel Berton therefore did not interview M. Théo Tyce.

On the other hand, M. Angelo Cellot reports that, on the same day as his own experience, Saturday, November 13, an inhabitant of the village of Tourtres saw a strange luminous object in the sky. This witness is Monsieur Hubert Vinsonneau, aged about 40, a cousin of the Cellots and son of the major of Tourtres, which is a small village near Tombeboeuf, some 15 km. to the south-east of Lachapelle. Col. Berton did question him, and his statement is as follows:

"At about 8.00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, I was working with my tractor, with my lights on, in a field of mine situated about 500 metres to the south of Tourtres, when, through the trees, in the direction of Saint-Barthélemy-D'Agenais (another village about 5 km. to the northwest) I saw a bright stationary light such as might have come from the headlights of another tractor. I consequently paid no further heed to it at the time.

"Half-an-hour later, when I had returned to my home, which is half-way up the slope of the rise (177 m.) on which Tourtres stands, I saw the same light again, still in the direction of Saint-Barthélemy, but was surprised to see now that it *was not on the ground*, but silhouetted against the sky above the horizon, still stationary, and very bright. The object was emitting a conical beam of light towards the ground, like a very big head-lamp. After watching it for several minutes, and noting that it did not move, I paid no further heed to it.

"Hearing several days later however about what my cousin Cellot had seen, I have decided that I must in fact have seen the same object as he did."



Key: 1. Location of object observed at 8.00 p.m. on 13th November, 1971.
2. Location of object observed at 2.00 p.m. on 14th November, 1971.

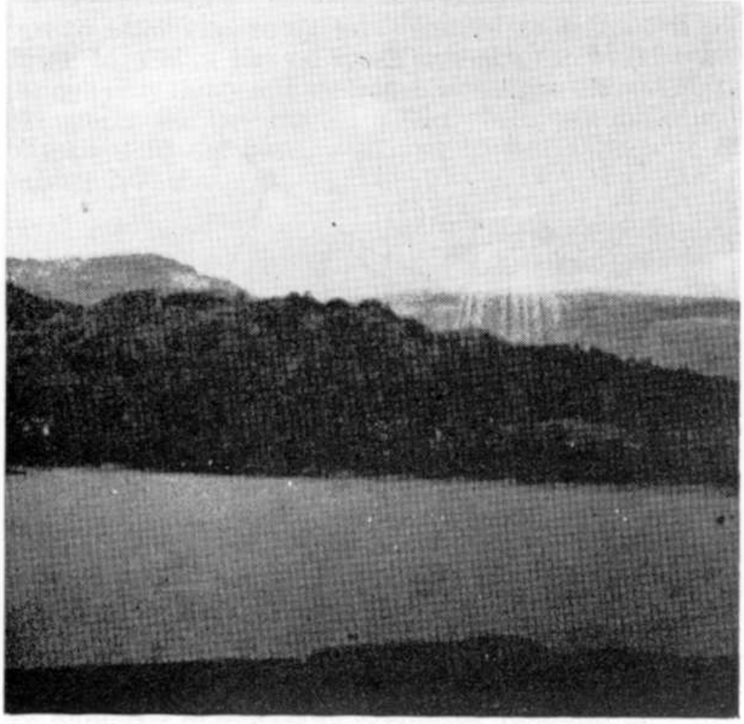
III. The Lake Windermere Case

This highly interesting case occurred in August 1963, when a gentleman who is now a cameraman with the BBC's Television Service was at Lake Windermere (Lake District, North-West England). His name and address are known to us, and the matter was first brought to our attention by one of his BBC colleagues, Mr. C. B. Fox of Rickmansworth, who is known to me personally and who vouches absolutely for the genuineness of the whole affair.

In a letter dated December 2, 1970, Mr. Fox wrote to me as follows:

"I would like you to know that I have utter faith in the honesty and integrity of my friend and colleague who took this photo. He was sitting in his stationary car beside Lake Windermere in August 1963, and took the photo through the open car window with a simple *Brownie* box camera. The film was Kodak $2\frac{1}{4}''$ square transparency positive. The film was processed by Kodak Ltd. from the original transparency (which my friend still has somewhere in the house and which he is still trying to trace).

"When developed, the picture showed what appear to be two horizontal white objects from which beams of light or rays are shooting down towards the ground, over or beyond the Lake. And at this point I must emphasise that, when taking the photograph of the Lake



Two UFOs over Lake Windermere, taken in August 1963

scene, my friend had of course observed none of these 'objects' or these 'beams'.

"The transparency was shown to the *Daily Express*, who blew up the picture to 10″ × 8″ and made black and white prints of it at that size, showing the 'objects' and the 'rays' or 'beams' very clearly indeed, but their technical experts could find no explanation for the picture, and neither could Kodak.

"I only learnt of the existence of the photo some years later, when we were together in the BBC Television Studios and the matter of UFOs was mentioned. I said that I was interested in UFOs, and he told me of this photo, and agreed to bring it for my inspection.

"I am familiar with most of the usual photographic faults, such as lens-flares, hairs on emulsion, reticulation, chemical errors in processing, temperature effects, double exposure, etc., but none of these seem to apply here, and in my experience this photo is quite unique.

"From my own close inspection of the photo three points emerge:

(1) I am *convinced* that the picture is not faked in any way.

(2) The 'rays' show some slight 'barrel' distortion, in keeping with the effects of a simple, two-element lens system.

(3) There seems to be very close correlation between the two horizontal white 'objects' and the number and the disposition of the 'rays'—and this would be most unlikely had a chemical or processing fault been involved. (This has already been ruled out by Kodak.)

"The rest is pure conjecture, and I shall be very interested to have your observations."

(Signed) "C. B. FOX."

I understand from Mr. Fox that his colleague who took the photograph was, until recently, working in Germany for BBC Television. Mr. Fox said that, so far as he knew, the transparency had not yet been traced.

In the meantime, feeling that this was a promising case and wishing to avoid delay, I took the black and white print, as well as a coloured one supplied by Mr. Fox, to Mr. Percy Hennell for scrutiny. After his usual careful examination and consideration of the prints, Mr. Hennell tells me that he can find no evidence that any of the explanations listed above can account for what we see in the picture. He is consequently of the opinion that, whatever these "objects" and these "rays" may be, the picture is entirely genuine and is not a concocted job.

(At this point I may emphasise that we are dealing here not with the BBC—regarding whom one may or may not have by now some pretty clear conclusions—but with two gentlemen, in their private capacities, who merely happen to be BBC employees.)

Notes and Comments
(by Gordon Creighton)

[1] Note the presence of two members of the Gendarmerie!

[2] The coordinates for Seyches are: 44° 34′ N. Latitude; 0° 19′ E. Longitude.

[3] At this point, who will not be recalling the Brazilian A.V.B.? He too was ploughing with a tractor, and also at night, between 1.00 and 2.00 o'clock (October 15, 1957—in other words, in the same season of the year, though in a different hemisphere). There does not seem to be much indication of similarity between the craft involved, for A.V.B. made no mention of any row of lights beneath the machine, but only of one great red headlight on its front.

[4] Monsieur Cellot was 31 years old—quite a bit older than A.V.B., who was only 23. Could the Frenchman have been too old, at 31, for their purposes? Is this why, having taken a close look at him from above, they did not come down and grab him as they grabbed A.V.B.?

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BRAZIL LEARNS AT LAST ABOUT A.V.B.

Gordon Creighton

AS I mentioned in the opening paragraph of my account[1] of the famous case of the Brazilian farmer Antônio Villas Boas, there was one curious and significant fact —namely that, although Brazil's leading magazine *O Cruzeiro* did publish the full story (*eight years* after it had happened), this occurred solely in the *Spanish* language edition.[2] This edition obviously does not circulate in Brazil at all, but in Argentina, where it is printed, and in the neighbouring republics of Spanish speech. The business of A.V.B.* has therefore remained unknown to the Brazilian public, despite the fact that Sr. João Martins, the author of the Spanish article, is one of Brazil's most distinguished journalists and an ace reporter for *O Cruzeiro*. He is indeed perhaps the Brazilian newspaperman who is best known throughout the world, having done *reportages* in many lands. And, be it noted, it was he himself who, with the late Dr. Olavo Fontes and an unnamed representative of the Brazilian Military Intelligence,[3] actually conducted the whole enquiry into Villas Boas' story and interviewed the farmer and tested him at great length.

But now at last, no less than fourteen years after the disturbing A.V.B. event, João Martins is apparently permitted to come clean with it, and the Rio Sunday review, *Domingo Ilustrado*, for October 10, 1971, prints the story, in Portuguese, though admittedly much abridged for reasons of space.

I have checked the text of it very carefully, and find that it is a précis of the text from which I made my translation, that both bear the date February 22, 1958, and that therefore (disregarding the abridgement) they are identical. As it is an abridgement of the text translated by me early in 1966 and now available in *The Humanoids*, there is no need to concern oneself with it here. I shall consequently confine myself to giving below, in translation, the title of João Martins' article, the gist of his introductory paragraphs and the final paragraphs in which he states his conclusions.

The article is accompanied by a number of photographs of Antônio Villas Boas, copies of some of which have been in my files for a long time past. There is also one of the five well-known UFO photographs secured by João Martins and his colleague Ed Keffel at Lovers' Island, Barra da Tijuca, near Rio de Janeiro on May 7, 1952,[4] and one of Barauna's famous photos of the UFO seen over the Ilha da Trindade from the Brazilian warship *Almirante Saldanha*. There is also a reproduction of the writing[5] that A.V.B. says he saw inside the landed machine into which he was taken, and a photograph of his wooden model[6] of his small, grey-uniformed and helmeted captors. One of the photographs shows him having his blood pressure checked by Dr. Olavo Fontes.

The Title

AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS, A REVELATION OF THE FANTASTIC: SAUCER MAKES RACIAL TEST, USING A MAN AS A GUINEA-PIG

Report by **João Martins**

The Introduction

"The case that I am now about to relate is the most fantastic and at the same time the most convincing of all the stories of direct contact with the crews of 'flying saucers' that I have investigated personally. I have never published it in Portuguese before. There exists only a version of it in Spanish, and renderings of it, abbreviated and in some cases incorrect, in foreign books and reviews[7] specialising in the subject.

NOTE by Editor of *Domingo Ilustrado*: "For about twenty years past Joáo Martins has been investigating the enigma of the flying saucers. A reporter of the very top rank, he only now reveals for the first time to the Brazilian public the most impressive of his investigations in the realms of Space mystery. The whole life of the central personage in this episode was dissected and analysed through and through. Beyond any doubt whatsoever—this was proved clinically—he was *a normal man*. But it was also established clinically that, present in this man, were the traces left on his organism by something that our Science is unable to identify.

"The reporter is Joáo Martins himself. In this, as in Joáo Martins' previous pieces of reportage, he gives no final or definite conclusions. He merely presents the facts. And these facts confront us once again with the challenging enigma of the flying saucers."

"The reason why the A.V.B. case was kept unpublished for so long and withheld from the public at large is simply that I wanted to be absolutely sure that, if anyone came forward telling of a similar case, it would not be due to any conscious or unconscious suggestion caused by my Report. A number of years have now passed and, so far as I am aware, there have been no other

* EDITOR'S NOTE: News of this case first reached us via our correspondent Dr. W. Buhler, in 1962, in whose report the witness was referred to only by his initials "A.V.B." In our first published version of the case in January 1965, we gave him the name "Adhemar"—for easier reading—but no sooner had this been done than the *O Cruzeiro* articles arrived revealing his full name, Antônio Villas Boas.

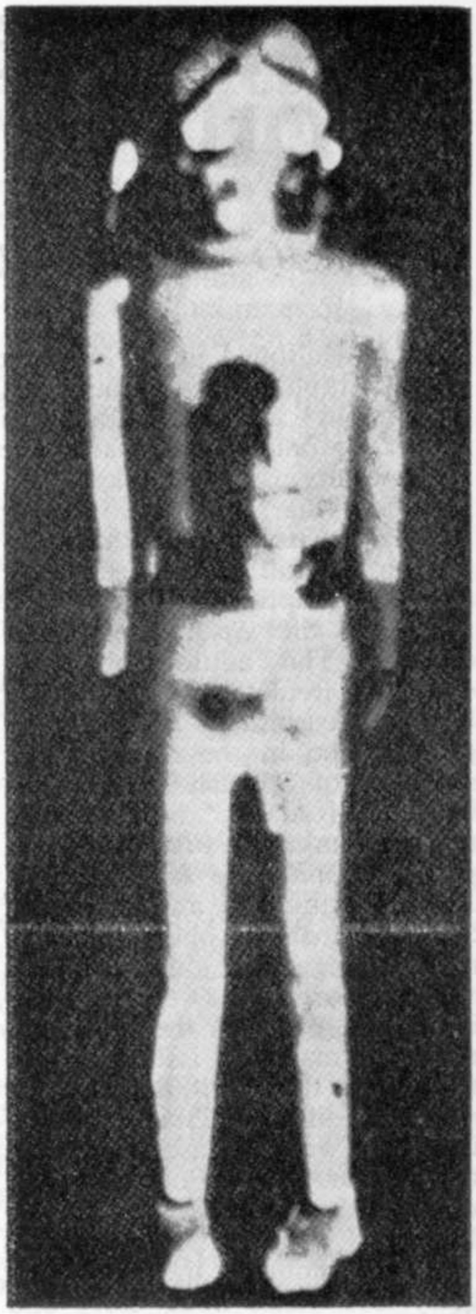
identical or similar incidents. Consequently there is no longer any reason for refraining from publishing this story.[8]

"Above all however I desire to explain here once again my own personal position as regards this intriguing and controversial affair. For many years now I have been a professional hunter of 'flying saucers': and, as a professional, I am cool and sceptical, while still maintaining an open mind.

"At present I am certain of *only one thing:* namely that, after we have rigorously filtered out all the cases of error, hoax, suggestion (of individuals or in the mass), megalomania, or mere half-witted stupidity, there still remain a considerable number of sightings that cannot be fitted into the framework of any phenomenon scientifically classified by us. And often they are sightings by highly qualified and responsible people.

"Let me recall briefly just one case among many: the sighting on October 24, 1954, by various Brazilian Air Force officers and sergeants and enlisted men of the Air Force Base at Gravataí, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, as well as by numerous civilians of that neighbourhood. For a period of more than two hours, two objects circled around over the area, in a cloudless sky and with maximum visibility. The incident was reported in an official communication from Colonel Hardman, Commandant of the Gravataí Air Base, and a few days later Brigadier Gervásio Duncan, then Chief of Staff to the Brazilian Air Force, communicated the official reports to journalists at a press-conference. Asked to say what the two objects could have been, Brigadier Duncan confined himself to replying that *there* were the facts; that the eyewitnesses could not be refuted; but that there were no conclusions to be drawn . . .

"An account of this same Gravataí incident, reinforced by the actual personal appearance, upon the rostrum, of the eyewitness officers themselves, also figured on the agenda of a lecture given by Colonel (as he then was) João Adil de Oliveira, Chief of the Information Services in the Headquarters of the Brazilian Air Force, delivered on November 2, 1954, at the Higher Military Academy (Escola Superior de Guerra) in Rio de Janeiro.[9]



A.V.B.'s wooden model of one of the entities alleged to have captured him.

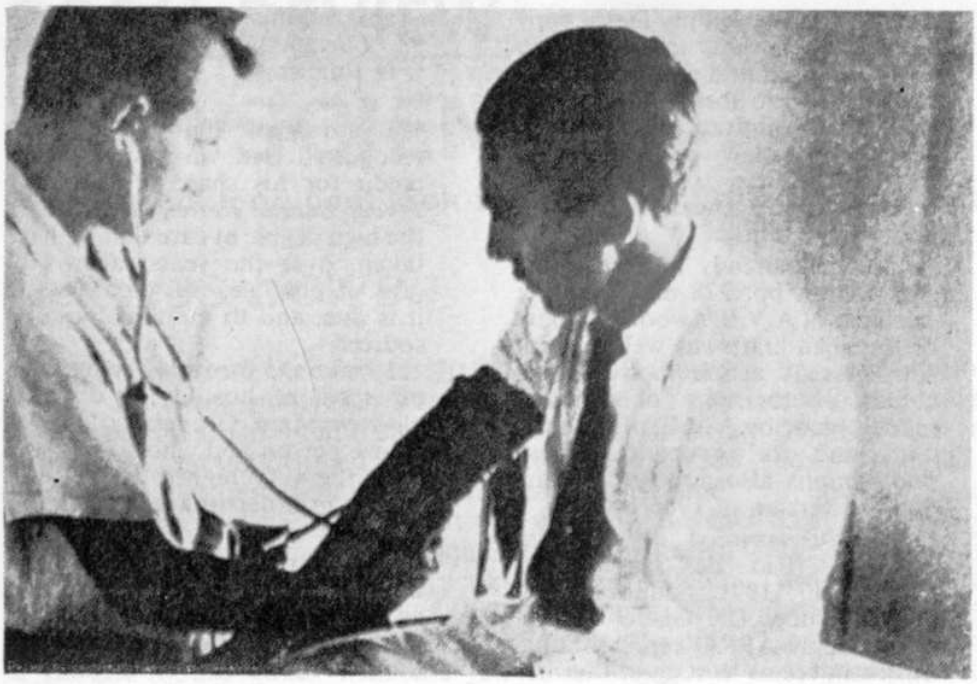
"My own position is the same as the position of these military authorities whom I have just quoted: namely that a phenomenon exists—the phenomenon of what are popularly called 'flying saucers'. Whether they are solid objects or are a type of still unknown natural phenomenon; whether they are guided or manned; whether they come from some planet of our solar system or from some other system of our Galaxy—I do not know.

"For this reason, during the past few years, I have been interested only in the cases of alleged direct contact with these mysterious objects and their possible occupants. In my opinion, merely one single proven case of direct contact will throw light upon the enigma. And what hampers this kind of rational, objective investigation most severely are the mystics, the blind fanatics, the hysterical folk, the pseudo-scientists with all their talk and all their pompous theories, and the empty bla-bla about UFOs by the whole tribe of cranks.

"The case which I now relate was investigated directly by me, with the late Dr. Olavo Fontes (one of the most serious investigators the subject has had and, at the time in question, the representative of APRO in Brazil) *plus a third party —a military authority acting in an unofficial capacity.*[10]

"The witness, A.V.B., was subjected by us to the most modern and the most sophisticated methods of interrogation, without falling into any contradictions. He resisted every trap we set to test whether he was seeking notoriety or money. He was subjected to a complete medical examination, physical and psychiatric, and he revealed a state of completely normal physical and mental equilibrium. His reputation in the region where he lives was the reputation of an honest, serious, hardworking man. But the biggest

Antônio Villas Boas



Antônio Villas Boas under examination by the late Dr. Olavo T. Fontes

factor arguing for the credibility of his story resulted from the clinical medical examination of him, the findings of which I shall give at the close of this article.

"Here, meanwhile, is his fascinating statement to us, made on February 22, 1958 . . .

Here follows the original text of the deposition in which A.V.B. tells of his preliminary observation (did "they" first of all "run a rule" over him?), of the stopping of his tractor, his attempt to run away, his capture and abduction, the weird medical examination and his introduction to a female crew-member for procreative purposes. All of which will be found in translation on pages 204-224 of *The Humanoids*.

João Martins' Concluding Paragraphs

NOT JUST ANOTHER STORY

"Up to this point however this story, despite the fact that it is different from all the other alleged contacts with the crews of flying saucers, would merely be 'just another story,' devoid of any proofs that could induce in us any major degree of conviction. But in the course of the rigorous medical check-up which A.V.B. was given, and the medical questions that were put to him *about what had happened to him after the incident*, there emerged a clear-cut picture, leading to the conclusion that *A.V.B. had been exposed to a certain amount of radiation, not fatal*, but sufficient to produce in him various symptoms over a period of several months. Symptoms such as insomnia, fatigue, pains throughout the whole body, nausea, headaches, loss of appetite, ceaseless burning sensations in the eyes and watering of the eyes, cutaneous lesions at the slightest of light bruising, and even indeed with no prior bruising at all, and yellowish spots on his skin that only vanished between ten and twenty days afterwards. The lesions, which went on appearing for months, looked like small reddish nodules, harder than the skin around them and protuberant, painful when touched, each with a small central orifice yielding a yellowish thin watery discharge. The surrounding skin presented 'a hyperchromatic violet-tinged area.' At the same time there remained visible, for many months thereafter, the 'two small hypochromatic patches, one on each side of his chin, and of more or less circular shape. The skin on the areas in question looked smoother and thinner, as though it had been renewed, or as though it had been somewhat atrophied.'

TRUE OR FALSE: LET EVERYONE GIVE HIS VERDICT

"Supposing now that Antônio Villas Boas may have *invented* an absolutely original sort of story, and that he may have displayed a quite exceptional degree of resistance to interrogation that indeed bordered upon harsh and cruel treatment, and displayed resistance to all the methods of coercion (just short of actual violence)[11] that were employed to get him to admit that he was lying, and supposing too that he may have shown an exceptional degree of resistance to all the temptations to acquire fame and money, we have still got to suppose furthermore that he possessed the necessary scientific and medical education to be able to answer the medical questions in such a fashion as to be able to present a total, coherent and logical picture of symptoms. And then, finally, on top of all that, we have again to assume that he managed to arrange by some means or other to produce in himself medical lesions such as those described above.

"Because of all this, out of all the accounts of direct contact that have been given so far, Antônio Villas Boas' story is the one that seems the most convincing.

"For the cool and objective investigators (among whom I count myself) it is just possible that it still may not be totally convincing, and doubts may remain. But for those who are not so demanding, the account may be found to suffice as proof.

"If this story be true, it may well be that, somewhere out there in the Universe, there is a very strange child.[12] A child that maybe is being prepared to return here.

"Where does fantasy end?

"Where does reality begin?"[13]

* * *

With these rhetorical questions João Martins concludes his article on the A.V.B. case in the *Domingo Ilustrado*.

Notes and Comments by Gordon Creighton

[1] Published first in FSR for January/February 1965 and in subsequent issues as: *The Most Amazing Case of All*. See also *Postscript to The Most Amazing Case of All* (FSR, July/August 1965) in which I hinted at what might be the true nature and origin of A.V.B's captors. Then, in *Even More Amazing* (FSR, July/August and September/October 1966) the case was dealt with again at length, this time with a full translation of the definitive text of February 22, 1958. Finally, as *The Amazing Case of Antônio Villas Boas*, it is now available in a more permanent form and in a hard cover, as section IX of *The Humanoids*) (Neville Spearman, London, and Henry Regnery Co., Chicago).

[2] See the opening sentence of *The Amazing Case of Antônio Villas Boas* (p. 200 of *The Humanoids*). The Spanish version, entitled *La Mujer del Otro Mundo* (*The Woman From Another World*) formed parts 4, 5, and 6 of a series of six articles on UFOs in *O Cruzeiro Internacional* (published in Buenos Aires, Argentina), between December 1, 1964, and March 1, 1965. The author of the series—which contains some other interesting cases which are probably still unknown outside South America—was *Heitor Durville*, which was a pseudonym used by João Martins. (Did João Martins perhaps use this *nom de plume* because he had engineered this "Spanish leak" without securing prior permission from the authorities of the Brazilian Military Intelligence?)

3 See my hint (*The Humanoids*, p. 231) that we "knew more than we were saying" about the background of the A.V.B. case, and that the Brazilian Security or Intelligence were involved in it. Moreover, in his letter of April 25, 1966, to me (reprinted on p. 201 of *The Humanoids*) Dr. Olavo Fontes stated clearly that he was "one of the three persons in Brazil possessing the complete report" on A.V.B., although he did not say who that third person was.

4 These photographs have been reproduced widely (Lorenzen, H. T. Wilkins, Jimmy Guieu, *et al.*) but not, so far as I can see, in FSR. See my *Addendum* to Dr. W. Buhler's article *UFO On the Sea near Rio*, in FSR for May/June 1971.

[5] No change from what appears in *The Humanoids* (p. 233). Our earlier version had not been quite accurate. I have on my files a copy of the inscription, made by Dr. Fontes himself and enclosed in one of his letters to me. It agrees with what we have given and also with the version now given in João Martins' article, so that there seems to be general agreement about this writing.

[6] As we had already reported (*The Humanoids*, pp. 228 and 231) the existence of A.V.B.'s wooden model of the alien craft was well known. The present article however includes photographs of wooden models made by A.V.B. of both the craft and its occupants. These photographs also appeared in the Spanish version of 1964/1965.

[7] In a letter printed in *Domingo Ilustrado* (Rio de Janeiro) of October 17, 1971, Senhora Irene Granchi, now Dr. Olavo Fontes' successor as APRO representative in Brazil, seems to suggest that her own excellent translation of the A.V.B. story (published in the USA in Coral Lorenzen's Signet paperback *Flying Saucer Occupants*, July 1967) is the sole complete or the sole correct version in the English language, and Sr. João Martins likewise appears to be uninformed on this point. I therefore take this opportunity to emphasise that, while my own translation was unquestionably a little more explicit in its rendering of some of the more intimate details than perhaps Sra. Granchi, a highly refined and cultured lady, may have felt it fitting for her to give, there can be no grounds for questioning the general value of either her version or mine, though naturally the choice of phraseology is not identical, nor could it be expected to be since it is a matter of translations made by two different people.

However, as regards any possible suggestion that my version, as given in *The Humanoids*, is perhaps *incomplete* or *inaccurate*, I think I should add that I have in my files a long letter to myself from Dr. Olavo Fontes, dated December 27, 1966. In paragraph 3 of this letter, Dr. Fontes writes as follows:

> "Now for the very important question of the A.V.B. incident, I think you are publishing a very close and accurate translation of my Report and of A.V.B.'s story, better than Mrs. Granchi's excellent version. This gave me great pleasure, you know—also the fact that you are giving me credit for the work I have done in the investigation of this amazing incident."
>
> (Original letter from Dr. Fontes in English.)

I am glad that Dr. Fontes recognised that we gave him full credit for his share in this case. *Flying Saucer Review* is proud of the high degree of care that we have taken, over the years, always to give, if possible, full credit where it is due, and to quote names and sources.

I make the foregoing remarks in no spirit of hostility or criticism *vis-à-vis* Mme. Granchi, a lady for whose person and whose abilities I have the very highest regard, but simply in order to keep the record straight.

[8] I really do not think that we can be expected to accept this statement as the whole truth. Had they merely wanted to hold up divulgation of the A.V.B. affair for a while in order to see whether any other cases of the same type might turn up, they certainly never would have let the story out in Spanish, the language of no less than *sixteen* South and Central American countries, many of them adjacent to Brazil, and in many of which UFO contact reports have been just as numerous as in Portuguese-speaking Brazil. No! I prefer to think that, if the affair is now being made known in Brazil, this is simply because somebody in authority has at last given the green light.

As regards the *uniqueness* of the A.V.B. episode, I can well believe that in 1958 Sr. João Martins thought it unique, but since then we have had the case of Barney and Betty Hill and there have been *hints* here and there of other cases. If there were it would not surprise me. I suspect that, if the nature and origin of A.V.B.'s trim little lady friend were what I think them to be, then such matings and crossings have not been rare events in the history of our species. And, although naturally the Russians do not admit this, I suspect that the reason why their UFO investigation group were all so enthusiastic to read *The Humanoids* (of which we could not give them enough copies, it seems) was that they too have come across evidence of this in the history of their own country.

[9] See my *Addendum* to Dr. Buhler's article *UFO On the Sea near Rio* (in FSR for May/June 1971).

[10] My italics. Here is the proof of the suggestion which I made years ago that the Brazilian Military and Security authorities had a strong interest in the A.V.B. case and were

BOOK REVIEW

THE SCIENTIST AND UFOs

Dr. Hynek's long cool look at the subject after twenty years of Blue Book confusion.

Charles Bowen

NEAR Winslow, Arizona, at 10.00 p.m. on January 13, 1967, the pilot of a Lear jet observed a "red light, initially at (the) ten o'clock position, that flashed on and off, and quadrupled itself in a vertical direction. The Albuquerque (control tower) radar 'painted' just one object whenever the light was on, none when it was off. The light repeated the quadrupling process a number of times, seeming to 'retract into itself the lights below the original light', then as the tower warned the jet that the object was getting closer, it seemed to play a cat-and-mouse game with the jet, involving some rapid accelerations."

After 25 minutes the object ascended rapidly at a 30° angle, and was gone inside 10 seconds, 'painted' by the Albuquerque radar until it disappeared. A National Airlines plane was in the vicinity, and its pilot overheard the tower/jet radio conversation, and saw the object.

A good example of first-class data regarding something strange and unknown that called for close scientific scrutiny? The layman might be excused for thinking so, especially if he had also learned of the even more intriguing Lakenheath/Bentwaters incident,[1] not to mention a host of other puzzling "radar-visual" cases.

The brief details of the Winslow incident are taken from a new book, **The UFO Experience: a scientific inquiry**, by the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center astronomer and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, professor, **Dr. J. Allen Hynek**, who served for twenty years as Civilian Scientific Consultant on UFOs to the United States Air Force investigatory Project Blue Book until it was closed down in 1969. The book (276 pages) is published by the Henry Regnery Co., 114 West Illinois Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610, and costs $6·95 (£2·66).*

Dr. Hynek tells how he interviewed the pilot of the Lear jet: the pilot insisted on remaining anonymous. The reaction of the pilot, and of the other witnesses, which is apparent in an excerpt from the 3-way radio conversations, is revealing. Here are the closing sentences (A is Albuquerque tower, N is National Airlines pilot, L is Lear jet pilot):

A to N: Did you hear conversation with Lear jet?
N to A: Yes, we have the object now—we've been watching it.
A to N: What does object appear to be doing?
N to A: Exactly what Lear jet said.
A to N: Do you want to report a UFO?
N to A: No.
A to L: Do you want to report a UFO??
L to A: No. We don't want to report.

The reactions and attitudes of these witnesses will not surprise anyone who reads this book, for it seems the pilots knew only too well the kind of ridicule that had been heaped on the heads of others who had made reports: ridicule, that is, that followed ludicrous official explanations.

* Postage and packing would have to be added, so a remittance of £3·00 is recommended.

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responsible for the failure to publish it in Brazil until now.

11 Remember that an official of the State Security was present. So they could have used quite tough methods on A.V.B.

12 I do not see why we should assume that there is only one child. Even with the modern techniques of artificial insemination that are available to our own species, *it would be quite possible for millions of women to have been made pregnant from this one contact*.

13 A.V.B.'s fetching little filly, with her triangular face and her *blue* eyes "slanted" in the Chinese style, may have hailed from either Outer or Inner Space. *She certainly was not of our world.*

I have some knowledge of the Chinese and Mongolian type of face and eyes. I once had a Russian girl-friend in Manchuria (now gone hence, alas, peace be to her) half-Russian, half-Tartar. The lady was very white of skin and a Siberian, with the high Slav or Mongol cheekbones and "slit" Chinese eyes. She was indeed the only person I have ever seen with a white skin and such eyes. But the colour of her eyes was *grey*, not deep blue, and her face was not triangular, nor was she short in stature. Moreover, I will take the stand and swear on oath that she did not grunt or bark.

As for A.V.B.'s lady, she was, as I say, quite definitely *not from here*. She may of course have been from Outer Space, as many would like to think. Extraterrestrials *might* be arriving here, just as the common porker, *Sus Sus, might* become airborne any day now. It is only that we have no proof of it, yet.

My own view still is that, if A.V.B.'s little radioactive piece was from Outer Space, then I'm a paid-up member of the Vietcong. I think that she came from somewhere much nearer than that and yet in a certain sense just as far away. And that she belonged to something of which we are genetically already a part.

Any official who has been entrusted with the investigation of UFO reports should blush with shame on reading of the pilots' reactions, of the reactions of other witnesses in other cases, and Dr. Hynek's damning behind-the-scenes revelations of the "*it can't be, therefore it isn't*" attitude at project Blue Book, which, he recalls, somebody once called the "Society for the Explanation of the Uninvestigated." But will those officials blush? I doubt it. At Banbury, the Man from the Ministry of Defence, when questioned, in the presence of some 200 people, about the staggering Lakenheath/Bentwaters events, replied blandly that the "papers had been destroyed."[2]

Dr. Hynek tells us he set out to write a good book on UFOs; not a book that regales the reader with case after spectacular case, all with little or no documentation, but one that answers the questions of a person curious about the phenomenon who would like to have it appraised, and to appraise it himself. And this is just what he has done. A fair case is made for the acceptance of these "genuinely new empirical observations" as worthy of proper study by scientists. So far most scientists, either genuinely or deliberately, have shown no interest in UFO reports, while others who have laughed are berated by the author for having responded with "giggles and squirming" which suggested a defence against something they could not understand. "Perhaps" he decides, "they are expressions of deep-seated uncertainty or fear." So these new empirical observations, which are accorded a *strangeness* rating and a *probability* rating, are assembled into categories, and conventional misconceptions are dispelled at the outset by bald assertions that UFO reports are rarely made by UFO "buffs", that they are often reported by scientifically trained, reliable, stable and educated people, and that equally reliable reports have been made by people who are *uneducated, but intelligent*.

The categories are NOCTURNAL LIGHTS (many misperceptions and misidentifications), DAYLIGHT DISCS (plagued by unsatisfactory investigations), RADAR-VISUAL (very important) and CLOSE ENCOUNTERS (where the misperception hypothesis becomes virtually untenable). The last category includes three groups: the *first kind*, where there is no interaction with the environment; the *second kind*, where physical effects on animate and inanimate material are recorded and traces remain; the *third kind*, where the presence is reported of "occupants" in or about the UFO.

Well-documented instances of all categories and "kinds" of close encounters are given. Dr. Hynek is careful, as one would expect, with the "third kind"—Aimé Michel's "festival of absurdity"—carefully excluding the "contactee" reports of a "favoured" human intermediary with communications (by telepathy?) and messages. He makes the point that the class of encounter with humanoids who have no messages other than an implied "Don't bother me," happens to the same sort of persons who experience other types of UFOs.

The author's position here is understandable, for he has a big reputation to guard, and as an established scientist he has already gone a long, long way farther than might have been expected. Suffice it to say that we feel there is a need to record and study the contactee cases (shorn of the cultism which so frequently follows in the wake of the contactee) because we are very concerned as to what the motivating forces might be, and whether or not there is any form of control of the contactees.

In view of the fact that he states that, by official policy, landings and "little green men" were not to be taken seriously, it is interesting to see the cases chosen by the author as illustrative of Close Encounter reports of the third kind, about which, be it noted, he takes a brief sidelong glance at a possible "parallel reality" source. They are: (i) Socorro (which he investigated, and found convincing), (ii) the Rev'd Bill Gill's multi-witness report from Boianai, New Guinea,[3] (iii) Kelly-Hopkinsville, (iv) Betty and Barney Hill's case. The detail is copious, and of great value.

Throughout *The UFO Experience* one senses Dr. Hynek's irritation and frustration with Blue Book and its succession of officers, most of them promotion seeking, and a sergeant who, with little technical training, was left to evaluate many of the reports. An example is given of the handling by Blue Book of a Close Encounter report of the first kind that makes staggering reading. This is the incident of the police chase of a low-level object for 60 miles from Ravenna, Ohio, into Pennsylvania, by Deputies Spaur and Neff, and other officers along the route. A four-minute phone call interview by Major Quintanilla, Blue Book head, was sufficient for him to decide they'd chased a satellite, and transferred their attention to Venus later. Only outraged public opinion and Congressional pressure prompted him to visit Ravenna. Taped excerpts of the remarkable bulldozing interview that followed are quoted by Dr. Hynek. Despite the weight of evidence to the contrary, Quintanilla maintained his Venus stance. Dr. Hynek records that the initial reporter, Dale Spaur, took the brunt of the interview and the subsequent ridicule, became virtually an outcast, suffered outrageous personal embarrassment, a disrupted home and broken marriage.

Small wonder that the pilots over Winslow, Arizona, refused to report a UFO!

For the rest, there is a chapter ("Science is not always what scientists do") on the Condon Committee and Report, a look at present research, and proposals for proper scientific study of the continuing phenomenon.

Researchers will find little in this book that is new to them. It is directed at a new audience of scientists, many of whom will be puzzled that Dr. Hynek, with so poor an opinion of Blue Book, should have stayed so long. Our hope is that while there he salvaged, for the good of the subject, details of the best of the misused data.

Notes

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3 Cruttwell, The Rev. Norman: *Flying Saucers over Papua* contains full details of this incident (Boianai) and the rest of the New Guinea wave, in FSR Special Issue No. 4, *UFOs in two Worlds*.

A TURKISH REPORT: UFOs OVER ISTANBUL

Ergun Arikdal

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THIS observation occurred on July 7, 1963, at 9.20 p.m. (local time), from the sixth floor of a building on Gülden Street from which there is a splendid view westwards over the Sea of Marmara and the Princes' Islands Archipelago.

It was a warm night, with no wind, a cloudless sky, and the Moon had risen. The two witnesses, Mme. Naime Suar and Mme. Nazire Kutsal, said they had seen three objects to begin with; then, flying in a straight line in groups of three came nine more, making a total of twelve UFOs.

Describing the objects, the witnesses said:

"In the moonlight their colour was silvery, but when not in the moonlight it was a metallic grey.

"The upper portions of the objects were hemispherical and the under portions more pointed, and the under portions were also surrounded by a ring of whitish vapour like the rings of Saturn.

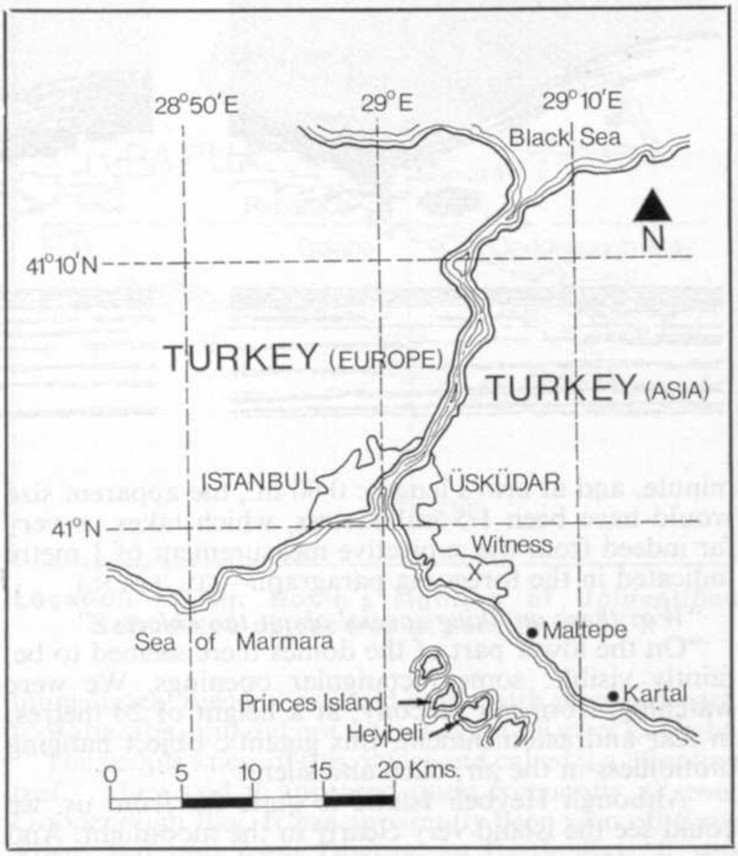
"We were able to get a particularly good view of this ring on one of the objects. At times the ring was very distinct, while at other times it had the form of a mass of cloud and rendered the UFO invisible. The most important feature about it was that this thing, this "ring," which it is difficult to describe either as a cloud or as a mass of vapour, did not remain behind in the air, like the trails left by jet aircraft, and did not dissolve as these trails do. The thing had the definite appearance of a ring and it went along with the spherical objects without separating from them.

"The first three objects were camouflaged from our sight by small masses of this cloud, just as though a silent explosion had occurred. We could not see the objects, but only the clouds.

"Shortly afterwards three more arrived, coming from the East, looking like little clouds, and, in the moonlight, reflecting three round shadows on to the ground. They came from the direction of Kartal and Maltepe. Their shadows on the ground were very marked. Then, having reached an area of the sky where we could observe them very easily, they separated and flew off towards the Princes' Islands, at first at the speed of helicopters, and then increasing their speed and vanishing towards the Sea of Marmara.

"It seemed as though they might have been at a distance of nine or ten kilometres from us and at a height of four or five kilometres."

"*What was the apparent size of the objects?*"

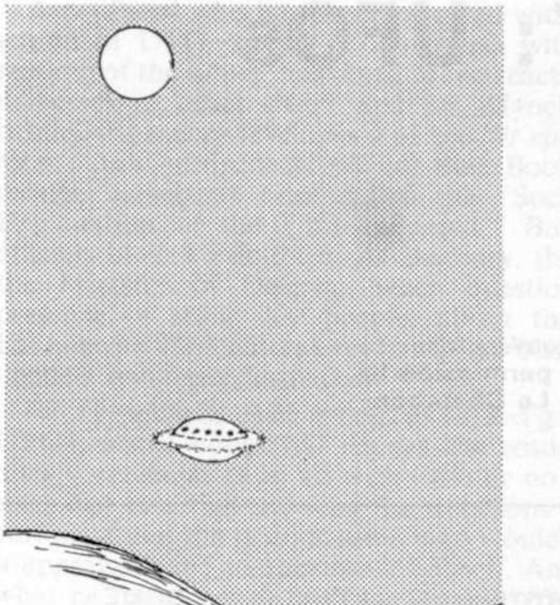


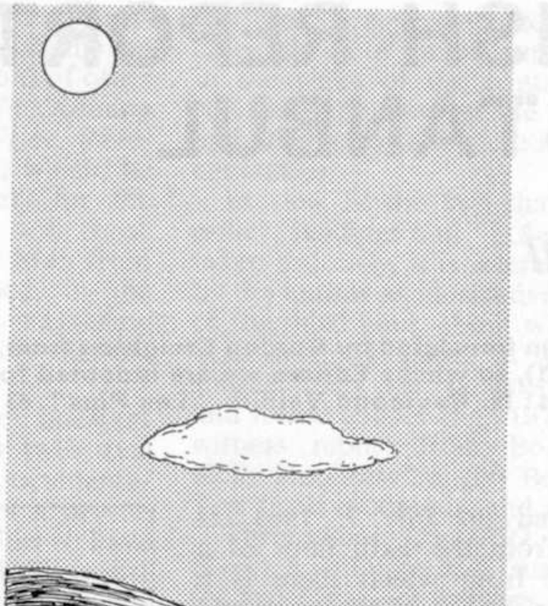
"The one that we saw nearest to us was of the width of a little more than one metre. (This is of course a mere piece of subjective guesswork, as the only valid measurement in such a case would be one made with arms fully extended so as to give an apparent angle.—EDITOR OF LDLN.)

"We heard no noise and the object was not luminous. A second object then approached, and for four or five minutes remained as though suspended in the air, above the Island of Heybeli. In size it looked as big as the dome of a large mosque."

"*Was it as big as the Dome of Saint Sophia?*"

"Yes, perhaps even larger. (Mr. Arikdal tells us that the Dome of Saint Sophia is 31 metres wide and 55 metres high. One can consider the position of the object well determined—despite the distance of about 12 km.—by the shadow which it casts on the Island. At that distance, the apparent angle is less than one





Far left. Fig. 1. Showing the object, with portholes and vaporous ring over the town of Colins on Heybeli island.

Left. Fig. 2. Showing the "little cloud" and the three shadows on the island of Heybeli.

minute, and at arm's length: 0·60 m., the apparent size would have been 1·5 millimetres, which takes us very far indeed from the subjective measurement of 1 metre indicated in the foregoing paragraph—ED. LDLN.)

"*Was there anything special about the objects?*"

"On the lower part of the domes there seemed to be, faintly visible, some rectangular openings. We were watching, from our balcony, at a height of 20 metres, in fear and astonishment, this gigantic object hanging motionless in the air, dark and silent.

"Although Heybeli Island is quite far from us, we could see the island very clearly in the moonlight. And a certain part of the island was covered by the object's shadow—a vast, round shadow. (As one reads this, it seems indeed that the object must have been far bigger than the Dome of Saint Sophia for the two eyewitnesses to have been able to see the shadow cast on the ground on the Island. We think we must multiply the size of the objects by at least five if not even more: thus their width would have been at least 150 metres—ED. LDLN.)

"After five minutes, it moved away towards the Sea of Marmara and was lost to sight on the horizon.

"From ten to twenty minutes later, more objects of similar appearance arrived from the direction of

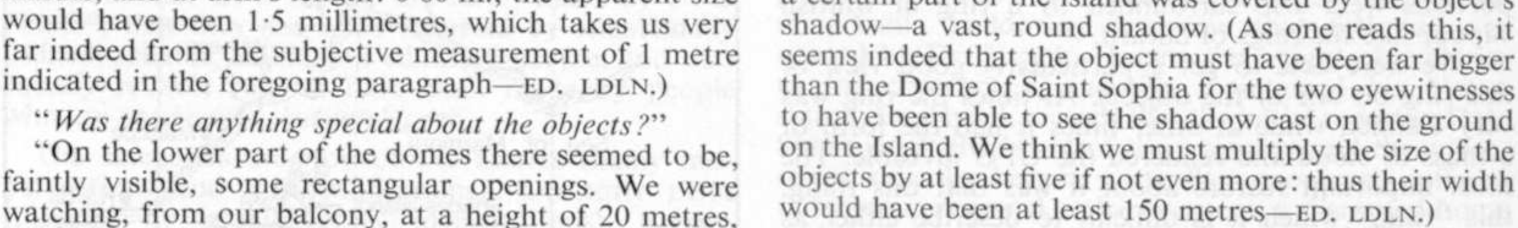


Fig. 3. The three silvery objects in the moonlight and their white, cloud-like rings.

UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE OBJECT OFF PAPUA

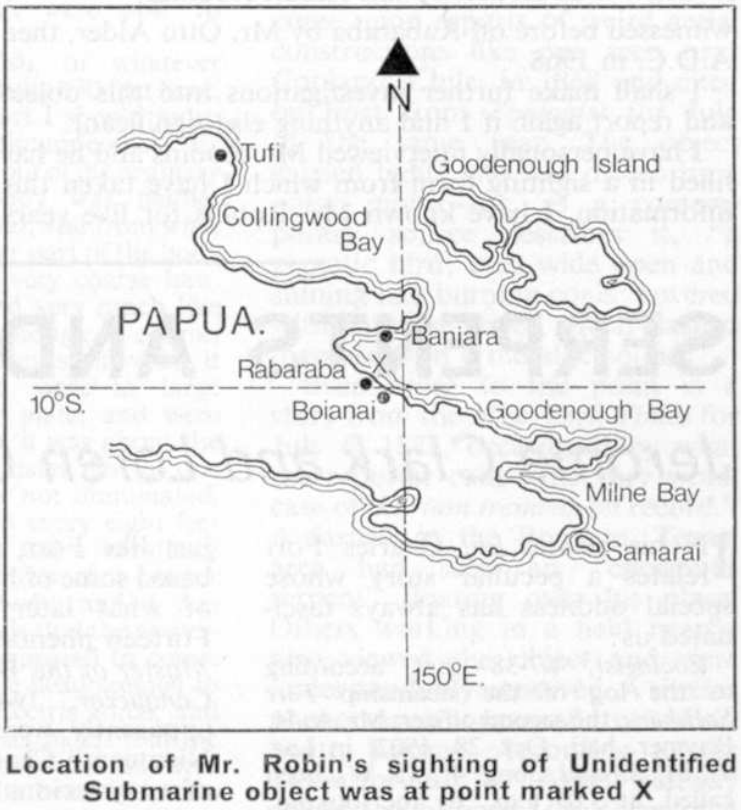
The Revd. Norman E. G. Cruttwell

ON a night in the month of April 1970 a remarkable submarine object was seen by Mr. Albert Robins, Store Manager, of Rabaraba, Milne Bay District. He was travelling in a small coastal motor boat from Rabaraba to Cape Vogel, about one hour north of Rabaraba on the waters of Goodenough Bay. The time was about 2.00 a.m. and the night was clear. The sea was reasonably calm. There were five Papuan crew on board who also witnessed the object.

A brilliant light appeared beneath the sea on the starboard side and a huge brilliantly lit object rose slowly from below the water: even so it seemed that about three-quarters remained submerged. Mr. Robins estimates its size to be about 80ft. in length. Its width and thickness were difficult to estimate because of the submersion, but it would have been at least four times as long as high (and wide). It was cigar-shaped, with both ends pointed; the top was somewhat flattened. He saw no detail of surface, or any irregularities or protrusions. The object was self-luminous, dazzlingly bright so that it hurt the eyes to look at it.

It was travelling at exactly the same speed as the boat, i.e. 7 knots, and paced it for four minutes. Mr. Robins and all the Papuan crew were, needless to say, terrified, and tried to take evasive action by turning to port, but the object did likewise and followed them relentlessly, keeping about 20ft. away from the boat on the starboard beam. They turned two complete circles before shaking it off. The crew were shouting with amazement and fear, but apart from this and the sound of the sea, they heard no sound from the object, which seemed to be completely silent.

The object then suddenly started to descend into the depths until its light faded and it was gone. The sailors immediately turned back and made with all speed back to Rabaraba, and did not set out again till after daylight.



Location of Mr. Robin's sighting of Unidentified Submarine object was at point marked X

The people knew of this object and called it a "floating reef." They said it appeared quite frequently all over Goodenough Bay. It has apparently been seen off Cape Vogel and also from Dogura, in Bartle Bay. It was

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Heybeli, and moved away at great speed."

"*Have you had any other sightings?*"

"That same night, after 2.30 a.m., we had not yet gone to bed. We were watching the sky when, towards the South and at a considerable height, we saw four luminous orange objects. They remained stationary for a long time, looking like coals in a brazier.

"We again saw the same thing three days later, at between 3.30 and 4.00 a.m. On the following days, from the same position, all we could see was two stars.

"In 1964 we read in the newspaper *Hürriyet* a more simple account, stating merely that this case had happened. Since then, although we have often watched the sky, we have never seen any more objects like those."

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The two eyewitnesses are educated ladies. Mme. N. Suar is a chemist, and Mme. N. Kutsal is a professor of German. They are serious persons, with positive temperaments. So far they have had no psychological malaise of any sort, and their mental equilibrium is perfect. I have examined them in my own capacity as a parapsychologist, and have found in them no tendency to hallucination. They were resistant to suggestion.

I gave them various illustrations of UFOs. They considered that what they had seen much resembled the unpiloted craft seen by Daniel Fry at White Sands.

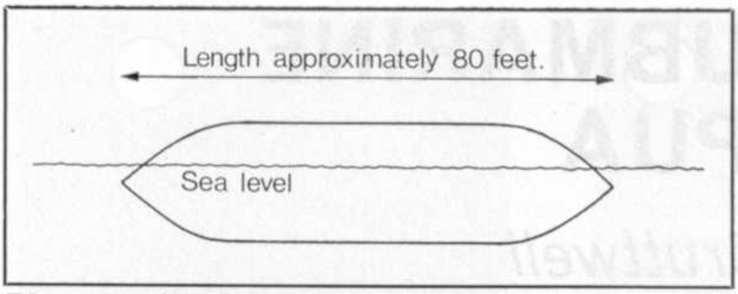

Diagram showing object partly submerged, as observed by Mr. Albert Robins.

witnessed before off Rabaraba by Mr. Otto Alder, then A.D.C. in 1968.

I shall make further investigations into this object and report again if I find anything else significant.

I have personally interviewed Mr. Robins and he has filled in a sighting form from which I have taken this information. I have known Mr. Robins for five years and can vouch for his reliability.

As readers will see, this is right in the middle of the area of the 1959 New Guinea wave.*

Explanations given by non-observers for the unidentified submarine object are:

(i) bioluminescence in the sea,
(ii) a school of porpoises stirring up phosphorescence,
(iii) a whale or whale-shark, with luminous sea streaming off him.

Hardly adequate to account for what the Robins party saw. Mr. Robins and his crew are accustomed to normal sea phenomena. Furthermore, the question has to be asked: can bioluminescence be blindingly bright?

* This fantastic wave is presented in detail in the Revd. Norman Cruttwell's contribution to FSR's 4th Special Issue, *UFOs in Two Worlds*—EDITOR.

SERPENTS AND UFOs

Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman

IN his classic *Lo!* Charles Fort relates a peculiar story whose special oddness has always fascinated us:

Zoologist, 4-7-38—that, according to the log of the steamship *Fort Salisbury*, the second officer, Mr. A. H. Raymer, had, Oct. 28, 1902, in Lat. 5°, 31′ S., and Long. 4°, 42′ W., been called, at 3.05 a.m., by the lookout, who reported that there was a huge, dark object, bearing lights in the sea ahead. Two lights were seen. The steamship passed a slowly sinking bulk, of an estimated length of five or six hundred feet. Mechanism of some kind—fins, the observers thought—was making a commotion in the water. "A scaled back" was slowly submerging.

It was the mention of the "scaled back" that most interested Fort—and most interests us. Fort noted: "So doubly damned is this datum that the attempt to explain it was in terms of the accursed Sea Serpent." One thinks immediately of the *Nautilus*, Captain Nemo's submarine in Jules Verne's celebrated *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* (first published in 1870), a vessel whose appearance was designed to make those who encountered it believe they had seen some kind of sea monster.

(Perhaps this is more than mere coincidence. Jules Verne was a compulsive collector of *curiosa*, just like Fort, and seems to have based some of his ideas on accounts of what later would be termed Fortean phenomena. For example, *Master of the World* and *Robur the Conqueror*, two related novels, apparently were inspired by mid-Nineteenth Century French reports of a mysterious "airship.")

A rather incredible event allegedly took place nine years before the *Salisbury* incident in the north-western part of the United States—in fact not far from the area where the first great modern UFO wave erupted in 1947. The supposed witnesses, William Fitzhenry, H. L. Beal, W. L. McDonald, J. K. Bell, Henry Blackwood and two "eastern gentlemen" who asked that their names be not used, had left in the sloop *Marion* on a fishing expedition in Puget Sound just prior to the experience.

The following account, quoting one of the "eastern gentlemen," was published in the *Tacoma* [Washington] *Daily Ledger* for July 3, 1893:

"We left Tacoma about 4.30 p.m., Saturday, July 1st, and as the wind was from the southeast we shaped our course for Point Defiance, intending to anchor off that point and try our luck with rod and line. We cast anchor about 6 o'clock, the wind having died out, and had fair success fishing. The wind coming up again pretty strong, Mr. McDonald suggested getting under way for Black Fish Bay, Henderson island, as he knew of a fine trout stream running into the bay, and also an excellent camping place near the fishing ground.

"So about 8 o'clock we weighed anchor and shaped our course for Black Fish Bay, which place we reached about 9.30. We landed and made everything snug about the boat and made a nice camp on shore, and as it was by this time 11 o'clock we all turned in to get a little sleep as it was agreed upon that at the first streak of daylight we should all get up. About 100 yards from our camp was the camp of a surveying party, but as it was so late we decided that we would not disturb them but that we would call upon them the following morning, and would probably get some valuable pointers as to the best places to fish and hunt on the island. After a few jokes had been cracked the boys laid [sic] down and in a short time everything about camp became as still as death.

"It was, I guess, about midnight before I fell asleep, but exactly how long I slept I cannot say, for when I woke it was with such startling suddenness that it never entered my mind to look at my watch, and when after a while I did look at my watch, as well as every watch belonging to the party, it was stopped.

"I am afraid, sir, that you will fail to comprehend how suddenly that camp was awake.

"Since the creation of the world I doubt if sounds and sights more horrible were ever seen or heard by mortal man. I was in the midst of a pleasant dream, when in an instant a most horrible noise rang out in the clear morning air, and instantly the whole air was filled with a strong current of electricity that caused every nerve in the body to sting with pain, and a light as bright as that created by the concentration of many arc lights kept constantly flashing. At first I thought it was a thunder storm, but as no rain accompanied it, and as both light and sound came from off the bay, I turned my head in that direction, and if it is possible for fright to turn one's hair white, then mine ought to be snow white, for right before my eyes was a most horrible-looking monster.

"By this time every man in our camp, as well as the men from the camp of the surveyors, was gathered on the bank of the stream; and as soon as we could gather our wits together we began to question if what we were looking at was not the creation of the mind, but we were soon disburdened of this idea, for the monster slowly drew in toward the shore, and as it approached from its head poured out a stream of water that looked like blue fire. All the while the air seemed to be filled with electricity, and the sensation experienced was as if each man had on a suit of clothes formed of the fine points of needles.

"One of the men from the surveyor's camp incautiously took a few steps in the direction of the water (some of which) reached the man, and he instantly fell to the ground and lay as though dead.

"Mr. McDonald attempted to reach the man's body to pull it back into a place of safety, but he was struck with some of the water that the monster was throwing, and fell senseless to the earth. By this time every man in both parties was panic-stricken, and we rushed to the woods for a place of safety, leaving the fallen men lying on the beach.

"As we reached the woods the 'demon of the deep' sent out flashes of light that illuminated the surrounding country for miles, and his roar—which sounded like the roar of thunder—became terrific. When we reached the woods we looked around and saw the monster making off in the direction of the Sound, and in an instant it disappeared beneath the waters of the bay, but for some time we were able to trace its course by a bright luminous light that was on the surface of the water. As the fish disappeared total darkness surrounded us, and it took us some time to find our way back to the beach where our comrades lay, and we were unable to tell the time, as the powerful electric force had stopped our watches. We eventually found McDonald and the other man, and were greatly relieved to find that they were alive, though unconscious. So we sat down to await the coming of daylight. It came, I should judge, in about half an hour, and by this time, by constant work on the two men, both were able to stand . . .

"This monster fish, or whatever you may call it, was fully 150 feet long, and at its thickest part I should judge about 30 feet in circumference. Its shape was somewhat out of the ordinary insofar that the body was neither round nor flat but oval, and from what we could see the upper part of the body was covered with a very coarse hair. The head was shaped very much like the head of a walrus, though, of course, very much larger. Its eyes, of which it apparently had six, were as large around as a dinner plate, and were exceedingly dull, and it was about the only spot on the monster that at one time or another was not illuminated. At intervals of about every eight feet from its head to its tail a substance that had the appearance of a copper band encircled its body, and it was from these many bands that the powerful electric current appeared to come. The bands nearest the head seemed to have the strongest electric force, and it was from the first six bands that the most brilliant lights were emitted. Near the centre of its head were two large horn-like substances, though they could not have been horns for it was through them that the electrically-charged water was thrown.

"Its tail from what I could see of it was shaped like a propeller, and seemed to revolve, and it may be possible that the strange monster pushes himself through the water by means of this propeller-like tail.

"At will this strange monstrosity seemed to be able to emit strong waves of electric current, giving off an electromotive force which causes any person coming within the radius of this force to receive an electric shock . . .

"I hardly need to tell you that we were not long in getting under way for Tacoma and I can assure you that I have no further desire to fish any more in the waters of this bay. There are too many peculiar inhabitants in them. I am going to send a full account of our encounter to the Smithsonian Institute, and I doubt not but what they will send out some scientific chaps to investigate."

Clearly we are dealing here with some sort of machine-like contrivance which has assumed the shape of a sea monster. The electromagnetic effects, the lights, the copper bands and the propeller all make this an inescapable conclusion, despite some fancy theorising from the narrator (which we have omitted) to the effect that this might be a giant mutant fish.

The problem we confront becomes even more difficult when we come upon reports of weird aerial constructions like one seen near Copiapo, Chile, in 1868 and cited by Fort from *Zoologist* for July of the same year. The object carried lights and was driven by a noisy motor—or, as a contemporary source describes it, "a gigantic bird; eyes wide open and shining like burning coals; covered with immense scales, which clashed together with a metallic sound."

Even more to the point is a story from the *New York Times* for July 6, 1873, occasioned by what the reporter calls "the very worst case of *dilirium tremens* on record." A farmer in the Bonham, Texas, area had seen an "enormous serpent" floating over his place. Others working in a field nearby also viewed the object and were understandably unnerved. A similar phenomenon appeared over Fort Scott, Kansas. According to the *Times* for July 7: "About halfway above the horizon, the form of a huge serpent, apparently perfect in form, was plainly seen."

Fort further notes a serpent "flap" in Darlington County, South Carolina, in May 1888; this time the thing supposedly made a "hissing sound."

Other reports, with which Fort was unfamiliar, include the following:

On December 5, 1762, a "twisting serpent" lit up the town of Bideford, Devon, for six minutes before fading away, and a "serpent of fire" taking the form of a horseshoe passed over Geneva on May 15, 1811. It was also seen in Paris.

In more modern times, in March 1935, something described as "a large shining form resembling a gigantic snake wriggling forth in the northwestern sky" appeared over southern Norway and Denmark. It is said to have had four or five curves and to have moved in a vertical position with its "head"

ARE PSYCHIC PEOPLE MORE LIKELY TO SEE UFOs?

A case history, in the witness's own words with commentary

Janet Bord

Our grateful thanks to Lucius Farish for introducing us to the story and claims of Charlie Jones. At our suggestion Mrs. Bord corresponded with Mr. Jones and obtained much additional information. Recently married, our contributor was well-known to readers as Miss Janet Gregory.

NOW that more and more UFO researchers are beginning to consider the possibility of a link between UFOs and a whole range of occult phenomena, it is interesting that deeper investigation of UFO witnesses quite often reveals that a witness has had more than one UFO sighting, and has also experienced what are generally termed psychic phenomena. It would appear that a certain "sensitivity" is in operation, and those who have it are likely to see all manner of strange things invisible to most human eyes.

One man who comes into this category is Charles Jones. He lives in a pleasant, rural area of Indiana, U.S.A., and has seen UFOs fairly frequently during the last twenty-four years. "My first observation of UFOs was early in 1947, which was a huge, dark orange-coloured sphere which flew around Indianapolis, Indiana, three times before it began to turn red and quickly sped off to the south-east. From then up into 1952 I watched several bluish-white UFO light streaks in the western sky flying south. I did not pay much attention then until sometime in 1964 . . . During 1966 and 1967, several UFOs flew by our house over our neighbour's field (to the east) to around 1,000 feet. At the north end of our woods, they would turn west. The turns which I observed were of a high degree radius turn, never sudden 90 degree angle turns. Once in a while one would have trouble and zigzag some before proceeding on west."

During the 1960s, Charlie took some photographs of the lights he saw at night. The area was especially rich in sightings during that decade, with a flap lasting from the end of 1965 until 1969. Several different types of UFO were seen, including the frequently observed disc-shaped craft, one of which flew over Charlie's house just above tree-top height, on November 13, 1965.

UFO and humanoid sighting near Sheridan

It was only a month later that Charlie had his most spectacular sighting. He saw a UFO at close quarters, and a "man" sitting inside it. It was Saturday, December 11, 1965, shortly after 1.00 p.m. Charlie was driving home from Sheridan where he had been Christmas shopping, and was travelling south along the Lamong Road. The weather was overcast with a white cloud cover at the time, and it had rained before noon. "What caught my attention," he said, "was a small white light

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pointed toward the earth. A similar object was observed twice over Cruz Alta, Brazil, in December of the same year. When it reappeared in July 1937, its "head" had become a ball of fire.

Then there was the great scare of 1857-58, when in the late dusk one evening a giant serpent hovered above a steamboat slowing for a landing along the Missouri River in Nebraska. It seemed to be breathing fire, say accounts, and it had "lighted streaks" along its sides. Sightings must have contin1ed, for some years later a song passed into local folk tradition:

'Twas a dark night in Sixty-six
When we was layin' steel.

We seen a flyin' engine come
Without no wing or wheel

It came a-roarin' in the sky
With lights along the side . . .

And scales like a serpent's hide.

By the turn of the century Nebraskans were no longer confusing serpents and UFOs. In February 1897 "airships" started flying over the state and in the years ahead stories of a giant creature in Alkali Lake near Hay Springs, first told by Indians to the first white settlers in the area, were revived. One alleged observer said that "its head was like an oil barrel, shiny black in the moonlight. Its flashing green eyes were spitting fire."

With incidents like those recounted above, we are moving into new and uncharted territory, where the line between "machines" and "animals" becomes blurred; so does the line that divides the various types of Fortean phenomena. The moral may be that research which concentrates on UFOs alone, ignoring the other mysteries of the physical world, is pointless. Perhaps what we need in the meantime is a report of a UFO dumping large, moving objects into the waters of Loch Ness!

at the bottom of a low patch of fog-like cloud. The light was only approximately 60 feet above the ground travelling north. It was approximately 150-200 feet west of the road at first notice." The light began a gradual descent through the turbulent, swirling fog. At this point, Charlie slowed down so that he could keep an eye on it. It was getting closer, and two "landing protrusions" began to show. Two other pointed protrusions were already visible to either side of the light. As it came closer, Charlie saw a solid object. His description continues:

"The diameter of the craft was 7 or 8 feet. It was about as long as my car so it must have been 18 to 21 feet long. The complete front was of a transparent material . . . The surface of the fuselage of the craft was dull and of a coarse texture. The colour, to me, was green-brown. I could see both colours as I looked at it, blended together. It was strange. The bottom of the craft was horizontal. The top, after 4 or 5 feet behind the transparent front part, was tapered down to a point at the rear. I don't recall any protrusions of any kind at the rear. Midway of the tapered top portion, there was a short tripod with a red light flashing to the rear . . .

"Apparently there was a seat beneath the rear part of the top half because there was a very stocky-built occupant which had his right foot up on something which I could not see and was holding himself behind the solid part of the fuselage so that I could not make out his face. I would just begin to see it and he would push himself back more. He did this two times. I remember putting my foot on the brake pedal but I don't remember if I got stopped or not . . . As the craft began passing from view, I pulled myself up by the steering wheel and put my forehead against the windshield. The occupant was sitting on the spot where he had had his right foot before. I should add here that while his foot was on the seat, I could not see it but saw most of his foreleg, his knee, upper leg and much of his body trunk.

"The first feature that I noticed was his right eye looking at the front part of my car, not at me. His eye dominated the upper part of his head. It was a most stern eye and also seemed very intelligent. I couldn't immediately make out the features of his face. I was much surprised when I did because I was looking at the side profile of his face. The one large eye which I could see was where we of Earth have a temple in our skull. The eyeball was huge and elongated. It was at least three times the size of mine. I did not see an iris. I did see an elongated pupil. His nose was not prominent. It was wide and the nostrils flared. His lips were quite protruded but did not protrude out beyond his chin. The lower part of his face was very much jowl-shaped—and was very large and fleshy. From the front of his chin there was a lot of slant back to the front of his forehead.

"Through the transparent front of the craft, the skin of the occupant looked dark bronze. His huge eyeball was tinted bronze or brown and the pupil was a solid brown. I don't know how much influence the tinted transparent front of the craft had on my vision, but the white light looked white without any discoloration. I did not see his ears because he was wearing what looked

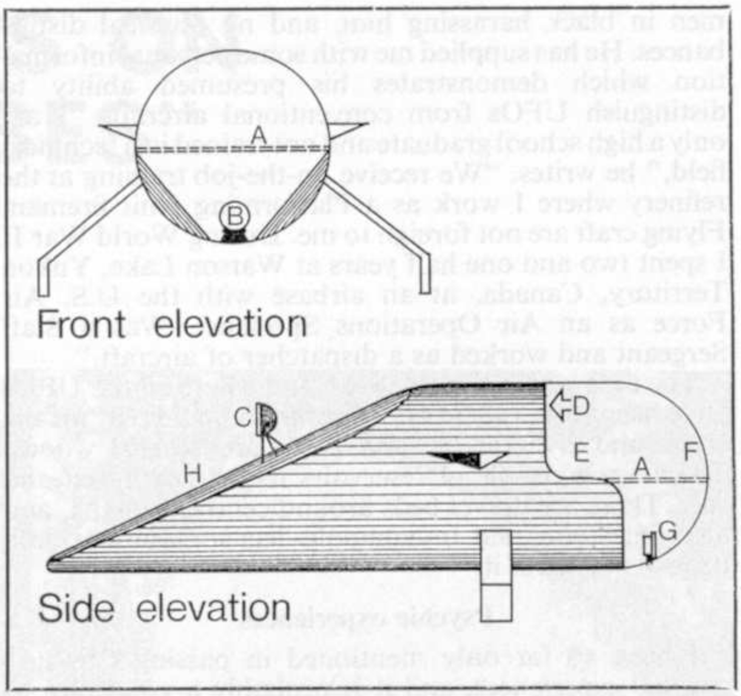


Diagram of the object.
Key: A. Possible structural support.
B. White light.
C. Red, flashing light. Hemispherical case.
D. Occupant hid face here.
E. Occupant sat here.
F. Transparent nose section.
G. White light.
H. Surface of wrinkled appearance.

like a one-piece coverall-type heavy or sturdy textured brown flight suit which was closed tight, apparently somewhere under his fleshy jaws and covered his ears (at least I did not see an ear), and his hair, if any, and the upper part of his forehead. I think this man weighed 250 pounds at least. I judged him to be no less than 6 feet tall too.

"All of my view of his facial features was from his right-hand side and after I realised that the fact to go with that huge unusual eye was a profile view, I was looking as quickly as I could to see as much as possible before he was out of sight. There was no second chance and apprehensive fear had kept me from stopping to get out for a better look when I first began to see all this. He never moved his head the whole time. At least not backward or forward. When he was looking at my car, his general countenance was of a person with their head slightly tilted to the right for a better look. His countenance during the final moments as we looked at each other showed apprehension.

"Even as strange as all this was, I tried to make it out to be normal. Even when I looked back through my rear window and saw the flashing red light and the wingless craft, I gave it a chance for being normal because of the red light. As I drove into my driveway a few minutes later and five miles of driving, it struck me like a light that I had seen a UFO. No sound, no props front, top or back, no jet exhaust and a jet couldn't go that slow anyway."

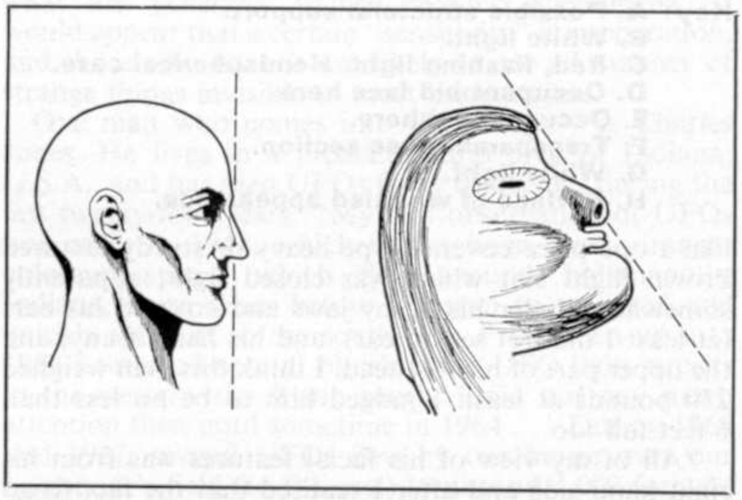
Charlie seems to have experienced no ill-effects after his unusual sighting, no mysterious telephone calls, no

men in black harassing him, and no physical disturbances. He has supplied me with some personal information which demonstrates his presumed ability to distinguish UFOs from conventional aircraft. "I am only a high school graduate and not trained in a technical field," he writes. "We receive on-the-job training at the refinery where I work as a Platforming Unit fireman. Flying craft are not foreign to me. During World War II I spent two and one half years at Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, Canada, at an airbase with the U.S. Air Force as an Air Operations Specialist. Was a Staff Sergeant and worked as a dispatcher of aircraft."

The area where Charlie lives, and where all the UFOs have been seen, is generally flat farmland, except for the creek and river areas, and there are several woods. There are a couple of reservoirs to the north-east and east. There are gravel beds around central Indiana, and also limestone, and Indianapolis has some minor gold deposits beneath it.

Psychic experiences

I have so far only mentioned in passing Charlie's psychic experiences, and it is probably a good idea to



Comparison diagram of a typical human head with the head of the occupant of UFO. The broken line indicates the angle of plane of the face in each case. The heads are not to scale with each other.

describe them more fully, for the benefit of those who are investigating the connections between UFOs and psychic phenomena. As Charlie says of himself, "I am some psychic." He continues: "Could write much on experiences that I have had. I have had ghostly experiences also. Our home is somewhat haunted. Footsteps, wall knocks, shadows, and visible images of dead."

After his father's death, Charlie had a strange experience while sitting with the body. "His eyes were open and very glassy. While looking at them, a very brilliant, narrow white light, which showed a blue-green tint, formed over both his eyes and the bridge of his nose. At the same time, a sensation of closeness and recognition travelled from the light to my chest. I involuntarily said 'Dad' and was aware that his spirit was reaching me through the light over his eyes. The light then faded away. On two different dates after that, I observed this same light at eye level with me here at home.

"Mother moved into their smaller home after that, and moved most of the fixtures of one bedroom into a bedroom of ours, to keep. (I still get "goose bumps" in that room. Bothers no one else.) For a long time, our little house dog would bark down the hall towards that bedroom door, when we would hear a light noise, like someone was there. One night when we were here alone and I was letting him follow me to the study here, he began barking at the door when we entered the hallway. I walked over and opened the door and he looked really puzzled for a while but did quit barking after a fresh burst as I opened the door."

Charlie's mother-in-law and father-in-law lived with them, and shortly after the death of the former, both were heard talking together, on at least three occasions. After Charlie's father-in-law died, they were both heard walking around the house.

One night, Charlie's sister-in-law, who was dead, came into his bedroom and walked around the foot of the bed to the east door. "There was some scratching noises like fingernails on the door. I saw her take the door knob and turn it at the same time that she just seemed to walk through the door because I did not see it open. After she disappeared, the latch snapped back into place."

Shortly after the sudden death, in an accident, of his brother and two little boys, Charlie saw them. "Just after daylight, I heard the smallest boy saying 'There's Uncle Charlie,' and when I opened my eyes, my brother was standing beside our bed holding his two sons. The boys were pointing at me and saying something but I could not hear anything they said and then they vanished."

Green fireball

Now to return to the UFOs and come right up-to-date, Charlie's latest sighting took place in October 1971: "I observed another one of those green fireballs at 9.50 p.m. on Sunday, October 10. It was close and low this time. I heard it above the noise of the refinery and it was only about 250 feet high when I first was attracted by a snap in the air and a glint of light. The thing snapped three times as I watched and a piece would fly off it to the rear and then a small explosion would flash out from the rear of the fireball. Lasted about four seconds before it went out about one half, or three quarters of mile south of me. Came from the north east by north."

Charlie's attitude towards his experiences is perhaps not unusual. Although he is prepared to tell of what he has seen to anyone who is interested, he realises that he is locally considered to be, in his own words, a "windy kook", and says, "I get depressed at times because of being such a 'loner' among people." He knows something about UFOs elsewhere in the world, for he reads UFO magazines and books occasionally, and would really like a widespread knowledge and acceptance of the existence of UFOs, whatever they may be. To leave the last word with Charlie: "My most worry about UFOs is how the public is being lied to about them. This is hard to take when you have seen so much as I have. Really gets my blood hot to read debunking by some nut who has not even observed one."

SOME THOUGHTS ON "THINKING GLOBES"

Gordon Creighton

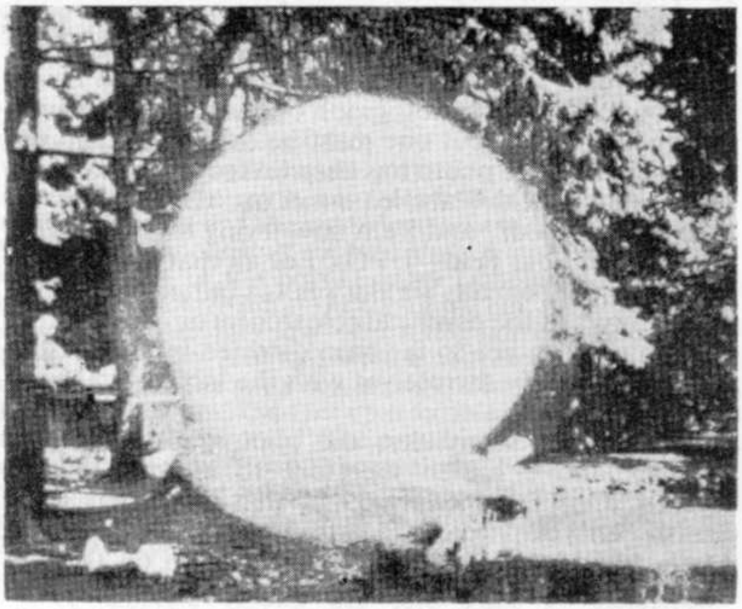
FOR years past a whole series of nominally or apparently unrelated fields of study or enquiry—ufology, parapsychology and psychical research, seismology (piezo-electrical phenomena), ball-lightning, cases of the terrifying "spontaneous combustion," etc.—have yielded curious accounts in which witnesses or percipients speak of "*fire-balls*," "*luminous globes*," "*luminous balls*" or "*thinking lights*," these latter being often (as the term "thinking lights" indicates) seemingly endowed with some kind of intelligence or obeying some kind of guidance and direction. I am not suggesting that *all* these phenomena have necessarily anything in common, and if there is any man who can tell us precisely what they all are I have yet to hear of it. I do suggest, however, that there may be areas of similarity or of overlapping. Lack of space prevents further general discussion of these matters here. Those wishing to pursue the problems further will find abundant material in the existing literatures of the various fields of enquiry mentioned above.[1]

There are however a number of points which it may be profitable to discuss here, and there is even a good photograph of a "luminous globe", as I shall show below.

Nobody, I feel sure, will be able to call to mind a case more remarkable than the one recently reported from the Aveyron Department of southern France where, in June 1966, a farm was the scene of a visitation by numerous luminous globes which, according to the account, certainly seemed to possess an intelligence of their own or to be intelligently controlled, since they were evidently quite capable of anticipating and forestalling the next move that a human percipient might make.[2]

In the Aveyron case the globes were associated with ι large, upright, luminous object shaped like an artillery shell, which may perhaps have been their "base" or "mother-craft". And another most curious and possibly extremely important element in the Aveyron story is the fact that, just at the moment when one of the witnesses, while driving in his car along a lonely country road, in pursuit of one of these mysterious globes, a flat "flying saucer" swooped down from the sky and, as so often happens, stalled the engine of his car. The witness was able to see that, upon its upper surface, the "saucer" bore two transparent domes, each of which seemed to him to contain a human or a human-like being.

At this point in our discussion one is inevitably induced to consider the possible relationships which might exist between these "thinking globes" and the saucers. Are the globes—as some folk believe—simply



Psychic sphere—taken in 1907 in the zoological gardens at Basle, Switzerlad

devices that are carried by the saucers and are put out by them? In other words, the equivalent of "foo fighters" at ground-level?

Alternately, however, is it possible that the "thinking globes" have nothing whatsoever to do with any of the UFOs, or, it may be, with only certain categories of UFOs? Could it be, for example, that the "thinking globes" are intruders, extraterrestrial themselves, or demonic, alien to this world and to all life here, and hostile to the UFOs (or some of the UFOs), in which case the UFOs (or some of them) might conceivably be engaged—for all we Earthlings know—in some sort of programme aimed at hunting down the globes and destroying them?

We have to recognise that we do not know the answers to any of these questions or to so many others that inevitably come to mind when we try to speculate about such themes and about the position occupied by our own species within the Cosmos and within the biosphere and ecosphere where we dwell.

I would add that the luminous globes have not only been seen on the ground or moving through the air. (The latter category would of course relate to a large proportion of ordinary UFO reports). The globes have also been encountered *upon the surface of the sea. Lumières Dans La Nuit*[3] recently reported a remarkable case [to be included in a future issue of *FSR Case Histories*—ED.] involving three French fishermen who,

in June 1958, were out at sea in a small boat when one of these great globes, estimated by them to be at least 8 metres wide, came rolling across the surface of the water towards them, creating great waves, and passing very near to their boat. They felt a powerful blast of heat from the globe, a strong displacement of air, and they heard coming from it a loud buzzing sound, "like the buzzing of a swarm of cockchafers". The accompanying illustration in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* shows that, whatever this thing may have been, it was seemingly identical with the luminous globes seen dodging and jumping around so nimbly on the paths and roads near the farm in Aveyron.

I come finally to the principal purpose of this short article, which is to introduce the photograph. So far as I know, it is the first photograph of one of the luminous globes to turn up, but one must be extremely cautious on this point. The photo has been linked, hitherto, with one nebulous field—labelled either as "the psychic" or "the unexplained," and I am now trying to link it with another nebulous field—UFOs. For all that one knows, there may yet be many similar photos buried in the files and archives of the psychical researchers or of Forteans, and which have not so far been detected by the people who now identify themselves with the label of "Ufologists".

To some British readers the photograph will look familiar, and I hasten therefore to explain that it recently appeared in Part 39 of that somewhat slick British "encyclopaedic conglomeration" entitled *Man, Myth And Magic* where, under the section on *Ghosts*, it is described simply as a "ghost light", photographed in 1907 in the Zoological Gardens at Basel, Switzerland.

I understand that the photograph was taken in daylight by a gentleman named Giraudon, and the rights are now held by my friend Mr. Raymond Lamont Brown, whose permission I have received to reproduce it now in *Flying Saucer Review*.

Mr. Brown admits that not too much is now known about the circumstances in which the photograph was taken, and it occurs to me that some of our friends in Switzerland may be able to dig out further details for us, particularly about Monsieur Giraudon, and pinpoint the precise spot in the Zoological Gardens where it was made. My impression is that there are two white birds (possibly pouter pigeons; or perhaps ornamental waterfowl?) on the left-hand side of the picture, just beneath the lower left-hand side of the globe, and there is clearly another, darker bird, perhaps a moorhen or wader, right in the centre, below the globe. So the scene shown may be in one of the large aviaries usually found in zoos.

In view of my recent catalogue on the reported effects of UFOs on animals, birds, and smaller creatures, some readers may no doubt find it astonishing that these birds in the Basel Zoo seem to be showing no concern or alarm whatever, and may conclude that the photograph must therefore surely be some kind of trick.

Since I did not take the photograph myself and was not present at the time, I must admit that I do not know the answer and that such an explanation is always possible. On the other hand I must point out that my catalogue of animal and bird cases has contained quite a few in which the creatures seem to have remained unperturbed. And I must also point out that, at Aveyron, when the farmer told his two dogs, in the local French *patois*, to "go seek 'em, go seek!"[4] the dogs showed no alarm whatever but at once chased one of the globes right up to the railings, in a corner of the vineyard, and were as close as no more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ metres from it. So, at the word of command from their master, these dogs chivvied a globe, and seem to have displayed no fear, and we cannot therefore assume that the Basel photograph is faked just because it seems to portray some unruffled birds in the close vicinity of a luminous globe.

From all accounts, our own days are seeing an extraordinary resurgence of interest in the "Fortean", the "unexplained", and the "supernatural" or "supernormal". The publishers of *Man, Myth And Magic* appear, on the whole, to be at pains to find nice tidy conventional explanations for everything, and so when they come to conclude their last Instalment, with *Zombie* or *Zululand*, we may be pretty sure that little will remain still unexplained or capable of disturbing the minds of their readers. We have already seen the masterly fashion in which, in their Part 36, their Expert on Flying Saucers, my friend Mr. Patrick Moore, disposed of the irritating UFOs.[5] They do not however appear so far to have found any rational explanation for the spooky sphere seen at Basel in 1907.

One may, alas, suspect that, long after *Men, Myth And Magic* and its pundits and glib explainers will have passed into oblivion, there will still remain an uncomfortably wide range of subjects on which our all-sapient species is "stumped" and that "UFOs", "luminous globes", and "thinking lights" may very well be among them.

NOTES

[1] On Ball-Lightning and cases of combustion of human beings, see in particular the excellent study by C. Maxwell Cade and Delphine Davis: *The Taming Of The Thunderbolts* (Abelard-Schuman, 1969). See also the books of Vincent H. Gaddis: *Survey of Mysterious Disappearances* (1965); *Mysterious Lights and Fires* (1967); *UFO Mystery: Fire-bolts from Space* (Saga, May 1967); *Invisible Horizons* (1965).

[2] See F. Lagarde: *The Aveyron Enquiry*, in FSR September/October 1970, November/December 1970, January/February 1971. (Translations by John C. Hugill from the original French in *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, 1970.)

[3] See *Lumières Dans La Nuit* (January 1971), article entitled *Sindbad Le Marin*.

[4] See FSR, November/December 1970, p. 6 (Article 2 on Aveyron).

[5] See Charles Bowen's Editorial: *The Art of Debunking*, in FSR November/December 1970.

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The effects of UFOs on animals, birds and smaller creatures Part 13

INEVITABLY a considerable number of cases have been missed in the course of the preparation and publication of this tentative Catalogue, which should reach completion with one, or perhaps two, instalments after this one. Today, Gordon Creighton proposes to go back and pick up, in chronological order, those cases that had been missed and that now come to his attention.

THE CATALOGUE—XIII
Miscellaneous items

198. Holyhead, Anglesey, Wales (Year 1743).
While working in the fields, a farmer and his servant boy claimed to have seen what looked like a ship under sail, flying towards them from the S.E., that is, from the direction of Mt. Snowdon. "A flock of birds assembled to examine the phenomenon, and flew around it from all directions."

Quoted from the *Shell Guide To Wales* (pp. 190-191). See FSR May/June 1970 (p. 31) (Communication from Mr. S. E. Priest).

[Now a piece of negative evidence. I note, in passing, Carl Grove's two articles (FSR November/December 1970 and January/February 1971) on the great Airship Wave over Britain in 1909. They contain no reference to any disturbance observed among animals or birds—G.C.]

199. Vicinity of Highway 95 and Dead Mountains, California, U.S.A. (11.00 p.m. to midnight, sometime in October or November 1943).
2nd Lt. Thomas J. Duzynski, serving then with the 779th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, saw an elliptical object flying at high speed and apparently making no sound. His tent-mate, who had a dog, told him that the dog had become extremely agitated just at the time when Duzynski was outside seeing the UFO.

Coral Lorenzen: *UFOs, The Whole Story* (pages 22/23).

200. Lönnebarga, Sweden (Afternoon of May 1, 1945).
While sitting in their friends' garden and taking tea with them, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Johansson "heard a sound like falling hail" and observed that a shower of worms was falling out of a clear sky, and covering an area of at least 100 metres × 300 metres. Not a square metre of ground was free of the Fortean fall. Large numbers of birds, including crows, came down to the worms, but as soon as they got close to them, they turned and flew away. A neighbour let his hens out to feast on the worms, but the fowls would not touch one of them. The worms, deep frozen, transparent, and reddish in colour, were about 12 cms. in length, and apparently could not be identified in Sweden. According to Ivan Sanderson, his society (SITU) have also been unable to identify them.

Anders Liljegren: *Mariannelund UFO And Occupants*, in UFO-Sweden Newsletter No. 2, September 1970, and FSR November/December 1970 (pp. 16-17).

201. Sierras de Comechingones, San Luis, Argentina (Noon, January 15, 1950).
Señor Carlos Burmeister and his wife and two friends were riding horses on his farm at El Peñón Colorado in the Andes. The weather was fine and sunny, the sky cloudless. Suddenly the horses pricked their ears forward and gave the first warning of a silvery dirigible type of craft, shaped like a half-cigar, which came flying over the mountains from the East.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 3, 1968 (Communicated by Sr. Oscar A. Galíndez).

202. Ontario, Canada (April 22, 1952).
Alerted by the furious barking of his dog, a man went outside of the house to see what was causing it, and found it to be a bright disc in the sky, reflecting the rays of the sun.

Mas Allá, Buenos Aires, May 1955 (Communicated by Sr. Oscar A. Galíndez).

203. Flatwoods, West Virginia, U.S.A. (About 7.30-8.00 p.m., September 12, 1952).
When something glowing bright red, roundish in shape, appeared from the north-west, slowly flew across the valley to the south-east and seemed to land on a hill, Mrs. Kathleen May of Flatwoods and six boys dashed up the hill to investigate. One of the boys, Eugene Lemon, had his large dog with him. Arriving at the top of the hill, the party either saw—or thought they saw—something horrific, seemingly a large entity, ten feet tall, with a red face, which glided towards them. The party fled in panic. The dog, going up the hill ahead of them, "had set up a terrible racket as it turned the last bend in the path." The next thing they knew, as they caught sight of what they thought was the entity, was that the dog met them, streaking homeward in precipitate flight and yelping. They found it crouching under the porch at home, trembling and whining piteously.

Gray Barker: *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers* (1956). See also Ivan T. Sanderson: *Uninvited Visitors* (1967).

204. Campo Grande, State of Mato Grosso, Brazil (1954).
A man (name withheld) whose story was investigated by Dr. Olavo Fontes and Colonel Adil de Oliveira, Chief of the Intelligence Branch of the Brazilian Air Force, told them that he was fishing in a river 400 yards from his house, when he heard his dog start howling. He then saw two spheres (one of which, much smaller, was rotating around the other) hovering about six feet from the ground. Three small creatures resembling human beings descended from the larger sphere and began gathering up calcareous material on the river bank.

Coral Lorenzen: *UFOs: The Whole Story*, p. 289.

205. Puzzuoli, near Naples, Italy (October 21, 1954).
Under the heading "Dog Victim of a Flying Saucer", the *Western Mail* reported that, according to workers at a rubber factory at Puzzuoli, near Naples, the sight of a flying saucer killed a Pekingese dog on October 21. "They and the dog saw a silver object stop in mid-air for fifteen seconds, then rise vertically with a hissing sound. The Pekingese, they said, yelped at the apparition, then dropped dead!"

Western Mail, October 22, 1954 (Communicated by FSR reader Mr. A. C. Williams of Swansea, who points out the interesting fact that this case occurred on the same date as Case No. 46 of this Catalogue, also in Italy).

206. Kelly/Hopkinsville, Kentucky, U.S.A. (Night of August 21/22, 1955).
In this classic case, in which the Sutton family were "besieged" in their house by a group of "goblins" about 3ft. high, with huge ears and eyes, some of the reports mentioned that the first indication that an unknown object had landed in a nearby field was provided by the barking and howling of the Suttons' dogs.

Dr. M. K. Jessup: *The UFO Annual*. Dr. Jacques Vallée: *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* (1965). Coral

Lorenzen: *UFO Occupants in United States Reports* (in THE HUMANOIDS, 1966).

207. Long Island, N.Y., U.S.A. (One night in 1957).
"A government official in Washington, who must remain anonymous for obvious reasons, recently told me about a sighting he had made while living on Long Island in 1957. His dog had started to bark and howl one night, and he stepped outside in time to see a huge delta-winged aircraft passing swiftly overhead in total silence. It was surrounded by an eerie reddish glow. He reported what he had observed to the local Air Force base, and the next day an officer telephoned him and asked for additional details, admitting that several other people had reported seeing the same thing. (Except for a few experimental types, delta-winged aircraft were very rare in the 1950s."

John Keel: *Operation Trojan Horse* (1970), p. 124.

208. Brazil (November 1957).
"The well-known Brazilian writer Frei Fidelis Dalcin Barbosa reports briefly that a man named Osvaldo de Melo saw a landed UFO in November 1957. It was dark brown and emitted heat and blinding light. His horse refused to approach it. He tried to fire his revolver at it, but his hand became so heavy that he could not hold the weapon. From 20 metres, he threw stones at the machine, but found later that they had fallen midway without touching it. After the UFO had departed, his horse still refused to approach the 30 metres-wide circle of scorched grass where it had been."

Professor Felipe Machado Carrion: *Discos Voadores: Imprevisíveis E Conturbadores* (p. 51). Pôrto Alegre, 1968.

209. Blenheim, New Zealand (5.50 a.m., July 13, 1959).
Mrs. Frederick Moreland went to the barn to milk the cows and found the whole paddock "bathed in a horrid bright green light" coming from two sources on the underside of an object some 20-30ft. wide which was hovering at about 15ft. from the ground and 150ft. from her. Inside the transparent dome on the top of it she saw two men wearing close-fitting suits of a shiny material. The UFO then vanished upwards with a soft, high-pitched sound and she smelt something peculiar, resembling *pepper*. She continued with her milking, *and there seems to have been no effect whatever on her cows*. She had to take a break from the milking, but this was because *she herself was upset by the experience, not the cows*.

NICAP: *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 29.

210. Wiltshire, England (5.30 p.m., December 21, 1960).
A Mr. "W" was taking his dog for its run in a field beside the manor house in a Wiltshire village. It was a very misty evening, and Mr. "W" could see nothing. Suddenly, he heard a banging "as if someone was bashing a dustbin," and then what sounded to him like the beating of many powerful wings. By then the dog had fled home in panic, while Mr. "W" had to throw himself flat, face downwards, as "the whole mist seemed to be vibrating". He suffered from shock and impaired balance for two hours afterwards.

Rev. Howard Bell: *Wiltshire Revisited*, in FSR CASE HISTORIES, Supplement 1, October 1970.

211. Little Hulton, Manchester, Lancashire, England (January or February, 1966).
Four boys of Peel Hall School saw a silvery elliptical object hovering above Madams Wood, and on the same afternoon a boy claimed to have seen a "flying saucer" land in a field near the Armitage Estate "and produce two grabs which picked up a cow. A sliding trap between the grabs opened in the side of the superstructure, and the cow disappeared within and the saucer took off." (The paper added however that "no farmer in the area seems to be missing any cattle.")

Farnworth & Worsley Journal, February 5, 1966, quoted in World Round-Up, FSR July/August 1966.

212. Aveyron, France (1966-1967).
Among the numerous phenomena experienced on a farm in the Mid-Pyrenees region of France (names of witnesses withheld) were frequent appearances of glowing balls, or "thinking lights", moving around on the surface of the ground. One night the farmer observed one of these "balls" approaching the yard, so he told his two dogs, in the local patois: "Go seek 'em! Go get 'em!" The dogs at once went for it, and "chased it right up to the railings . . . in the corner of the vineyard . . . but they never went too close to it . . . not nearer than maybe 1 or 1½ metres. Then that thing disappeared in a wink, and the dogs stopped barking."

F. Lagarde: *The Aveyron Enquiry*—Part 2, in FSR November/December 1970 (p. 6).

213. Lagôa Negra, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (8.00-10.00 p.m., one evening in early part of January, 1968).
Five people witnessed the arrival of a ten-metre-wide disc on the Lagôa Negra Fazenda (plantation). The disc remained hovering, and two types of human-like beings emerged. Two were about two metres tall, with long hair, walking with seemingly rigid legs. The other three, also with long hair, were about 1·40 metres in height.

The two tall beings came to a point only 60 metres from the house, and returned to the disc after the farmer's wife had cried out in fear and called her husband, who was watching outside. The remarkable feature of the case is that during the twenty minutes of this episode, the five dogs of the household, which normally are savage towards any strangers, were never disturbed and remained entirely quiet even when the tall beings had entered the gate and were close to the house.

Jáder U. Pereira: *The Remarkable Landing At Lagôa Negra*, in FSR CASE HISTORIES, Supplement 5, June 1971.

214. Otoco, S.W. Bolivia (6.00-7.00 p.m., early 1968).
As a woman named Valentina Flores was bringing her herds of sheep and llamas into their corrals for the night, she found a humanoid creature about 1·10m. in height inside the sheep-pen and engaged in killing the sheep with a tubular instrument. She attacked the creature with stones and a cudgel, and it cut her on the arms by throwing its instrument at her in boomerang fashion. The creature made its escape by shooting straight upwards into the air, taking with it a plastic-type of bag containing small portions of the digestive organs of the 34 sheep that it had killed.

Oscar A. Galíndez (FSR Representative in Argentina): *Violent Humanoid Encountered In Bolivia*, in FSR July/August 1970.

215. Catskill Mountains, N.Y., U.S.A. (8.00-9.00 p.m., late in August 1968).
Mr. M.O., alone on his farm in an isolated area of the Catskills, went outside with his French poodle to take some bread and honey to his horse and some milk for the cat. Suddenly he heard "a shrill, whining sound, like a dynamo," and found himself paralysed. The dog, five feet in front of him, was motionless too. The horse (a Morgan gelding) "was at the fence, standing still with his head in the air, turned towards the side of the hill." Witness felt "pins and needles" sensations in the body, and lost all sense of time. Then the noise stopped, and he found he could move again, and saw that the horse and the dog were also moving again.

Above the barn he saw "two holes in the sky, as white as snow. It was like looking into a barrel. They were perfectly round—automobile-tyre size, and about 3ft. apart. They stayed still and didn't move for ten to fifteen minutes—then disappeared."

Next morning he found that the cat had refused the milk—something very unusual. Witness himself developed red streaks on the penis, and the case involved numerous other UFO-associated physiological and psychic features, poltergeistic manifestations, etc.

Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, M.D.: *Possible UFO-Induced Temporary Paralysis*, in FSR March/April 1971.

216. White Rock Lake, New Jersey, U.S.A. (8.05 p.m., March 31, 1966).
A close, tree-height sighting of a UFO happened over an outdoor pool. "Mrs. Connie Bateman's dog howled, and her sister's dog whined and tried to get into the house through a window."

Daily Advance (Dover), April 1, 1966. Quoted by Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz in footnote (b) to article *Possible UFO-Induced Temporary Paralysis* in FSR March/April 1971 (p. 5).

217. Hardyston Township, White Rock Lake, N.J., U.S.A. (8.45 p.m., April 1, 1966).
Mrs. Carol Vander Plate saw a UFO at tree height. "All of a sudden my two French poodles started barking and carrying on. They refused to obey. They went crazy, running in circles, and jumping over the furniture."

UPI, April 4, 1966. *UFOs in New Jersey*, in: The Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey, Vol. 66, No. 8, pp. 460-464, August 1969. Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz. *Op. cit.*, footnote (c), FSR March/April 1971.

218. Hackettstown, N.J., U.S.A. (10.10-11.10 p.m., on a Wednesday in April, 1967).
A close sighting of a UFO lasted for one hour, beginning at 10.10 p.m., directly over the houses at tree-height and over the fish-hatchery, where Mrs. Lawrence Robinson's springer spaniel puppy "sat still on the ground, howling, and wouldn't move."

Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz. *Op. cit.*, footnote (d), FSR March/April 1971.

219. Woodmansterne, Banstead, England (10.00-10.30 p.m., evening in last week of August, or first week of September, 1968).
Farmer George Graham, engaged in shooting foxes on his land, saw a strange dark-blue "acetylene-like" glow about 100 yards from him in the field, and then, fifteen minutes later, heard a loud "whoosh", and saw a dark circular shape rising into the air. It climbed rapidly and vanished, all in silence. Next day he found a huge mark in the field, shaped like a keyhole, 40ft. long and 20ft. wide. Grass and roots had been sucked away "as though by a giant vacuum cleaner."

The most curious part of Mr. Graham's story was that there were 20 horses, and about the same number of cattle, in the field (70-80 acres) at the time, and apparently none of these animals were disturbed in any way by the UFO, which he said "was a good deal higher than a double-decker bus."

He also reported that, a week earlier, two girls, who kept horses in that field, had been walking across the field with their dogs to the bus-stop. They too saw a strange object in the field, and their dogs fled, refusing to remain in the field. They found the dogs waiting for them at the bus-stop.

Ron Toft: *Farmer Sees UFO Take Off*, in FSR CASE HISTORIES, Supplement 3 (February 1971).

World round-up *of news and comment about recent sightings*

ENGLAND

Discs follow car

The following report is taken from the *Liverpool Echo* of February 21, 1972—

"A Wirral woman has reported to the police that she and her husband were followed along an unlit road by two luminous objects.

"Mrs. Michelle Ryan, of 176 Birkenhead Road, Meols, said: 'We decided to ignore the incident but on reading of the reports of UFOs in Friday's *Echo*, I decided to report the matter to Hoylake police at the week-end.'

"She went on: 'It happened at about 8 p.m. last Thursday night, when my husband and I were driving along Birkenhead Road towards Moreton. It was pitch dark, there were no street lights on due to the power cuts, and no other traffic on the road.'

"Mrs. Ryan said that when her husband said there was a lorry 'right on top of our back window' she looked around and saw two dull, off-white discs of light, one in each corner of the rear window.

" 'It was just as if someone was following us and peering into the car,' said Mrs. Ryan. 'When my husband first saw the lights he slowed down a bit, but then accelerated and a gap came between them and the car. Then they suddenly disappeared.' "

Credit: **S. J. Flood** of Bootle, Lancs.

"Tennis ball" UFOs at Swinton

Another item of interest appeared in the *Manchester Evening News* on March 22, 1972—

"Mysterious red objects the size of tennis balls have been sighted in the sky over the North-West.

"Amateur astronomer Mr. Les Morris, of Beechfield Road, Swinton, saw a strange red light in the sky while walking home with his daughter, Marlene. 'It was as big as a tennis ball and looked to be 500 feet in the air,' he said.

"Mr. Morris, who works for Shell Chemicals at Carrington, phoned Manchester Airport and was told there had been no planes in the area for at least 15 minutes before he saw the object.

" 'I've seen shooting stars and other natural phenomena but nothing like this,' he added.

"Swinton schoolgirls Ellen Chapman and Fiona Cannon, both of Tennyson Road, also saw four of the 'flying red tennis balls.'

" 'One was continually flashing and seemed to lead the others about the sky,' said Ellen."

Aerial puzzle at Stockport

Lights in the sky never tell us very much: this is where the large numbers of misidentifications occur. Was it a rocket decay that was reported in the *Manchester Evening News* of February 11, 1972? There is certainly very little detail in the account—

"One Manchester businessman is a lot less cynical since seeing his first 'Unidentified Flying Object.'

"And he is wondering if anyone else spotted the horizontal band of intensely bright lights, with a shorter vertical line in the centre, that he saw today at about 8 a.m. over Stockport.

"At the time he was motoring between Prestbury and Wilmslow, looking north.

"Police were mystified. So were experts at both Ringway airport and the Air Traffic Centre at Preston. 'This is a very unusual sighting of lights in the sky,' said one.

" 'Sometimes aircraft lights are reflected off cloud. And he might have seen two planes, one behind the other and slightly to the side, but giving the impression that their landing lights were one horizontal line. But we don't honestly know for sure.' "

Credit: **Gordon Clegg** of Sale, Cheshire.

NORWAY

UFO bathes girl in light

From the *Telemark Arbeiderblad* of January 10, 1972, we learn that an

unusual incident occurred on January 6, 1972, at Næröy (64° 50′ N. 11° 15′ E.) in Norway—

"A 14-year-old girl from Næröy in Ytre Namdal saw a brightly lighted object in the sky over her home on Thursday evening. She was out for a walk when she was suddenly bathed in light. The light came from an object of the apparent size of the full moon, but the light was so bright that it was like a searchlight giving clear shadows. The girl cannot say how high up the object was. She was frightened out of her wits and ran home as fast as she could. When she had calmed down her mother went out with her to see the phenomenon but it had disappeared. The girl is said to be reliable and honest and is not afraid of the dark."

Credit: **Richard Farrow** who lives in Ski, Norway.

SPAIN

Shape-changing UFO

From the Madrid daily newspaper *ABC* of April 11, 1972, comes the following account. The report was datelined La Unión (province of Murcia), April 10, 1972—

"While motoring from the capital city of the province towards La Unión, some residents of this small town saw an unknown flying object in the sky.

"The incident occurred in the early hours of the morning of the 10th as the witnesses motored through the mountain pass known as 'Las Cadenas'. They said that the UFO appeared to change shape several times and then finally disappeared.

"At first, it appeared to them in the shape of the Planet Saturn, a circle with a ball in the centre. Then they observed that the object, which moved in direction towards Alicante (to the north of Murcia), was moving slowly and then turned into a half-moon shape, which at times appeared to be divided (cut) in the centre.

"The witnesses claim to have observed the phenomenon for a period of approximately ten minutes. One of the eye witnesses was the Secretary of the Trade Union of La Unión, señor Pérez Mendoza—CIFRA."

Credit: **Sr. R. B. Guérard y Holmes** to whom we are also indebted for the translation. Sr. Guérard is an official interpreter.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UFO followed plane

The *Grand Rapids Press* of December 5, 1971, carried the following account of an event reported from the nearby town of Walker—

"Steve Loosenort, a Walker teenager, glumly admitted Saturday that 'a lot of people are going to think I'm lying. But I saw it; I really saw it.'

"Loosenort, 17, of 3360 Remembrance Rd. NW, said he was driving around a field behind his home Thursday evening when he saw 'one great big bright red ball with blue and white lights following a plane.'

"A junior at Kenowa Hills High School, Loosenort said he had five witnesses, all passengers in his vehicle.

" 'My friend, Melvin Smith, saw it first,' Loosenort said, 'He looked up and shouted, "Hey, it's a UFO." The rest of us didn't see anything but the plane at first, but soon we could see the UFO start to come back toward us.'

"Loosenort said the 'yoyo shaped' object zoomed around above the trees and the younger passengers became frightened. He drove them back to the house and returned to the field with Smith.

"The object reportedly was hovering about six feet in the air in the middle of the field. Loosenort drove within 200 feet and got out to take a closer look. 'But just as I turned off the car lights and got out, the thing started to take off. It went straight up and just disappeared,' Loosenort said.

"He returned to the house and called Walker police who despatched three men to the scene. 'The policemen were real nice about it,' Loosenort said. 'One of them said he believed us. My mum thought it might be an advertisement for something, but now she's all confused. She just doesn't know what to think.' "

Credit: **Jerome S. Gardeski** of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ZAMBIA

Merging UFOs over Central Africa

The following account was sent to us by a reader—

"The time was Lunchtime on June 15, 1966 (13.26 hrs. local time), a clear sunny day in Rennie Rd., a garden suburb of Lusaka, capital of Zambia. My friend, a neighbour from an adjacent flat, came round and said 'Come and have a look at this.' We went out, expecting to see some new and interesting variety of chameleon, enormous grasshopper or beetle; instead, he pointed upwards and there in the clear blue a small bright metallic object oscillated in the sky. It remained there more or less in the same position.

"My first attempt to rationalise what we were observing produced an explanation that a minute or two later turned out to be absurd: that a freak vortex of wind had whisked up one of the gleaming new dustbins the corporation had recently provided, and was holding it in that position rotating in space.

True, at certain times minor whirlwinds are not an uncommon occurrence in this part of the world but they always carry with them considerable amounts of dust and leaves which are clearly visible.

"I rushed in to get my camera, set it to the fastest shutter position, and aimed it at the object in question. This seemed to evoke an immediate response and the object started moving sharply upwards at about a 45° angle at an ever-increasing speed. It was at this point that from another part of the sky there appeared a similar object which seemed just to merge into the first on its upward climb.

"The photograph was developed and all there was was a broad band of speed lines which swept up to the top right-hand of the print with just a hint of something more solid at the edge of the paper."

Credit: **J. R. Harvey** of Bookham, Surrey.

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RADIATION SYMPTOMS IN EXODUS

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ONE of the most certain facts we have about UFOs is that they emit various types of visible and invisible electromagnetic radiation. While this is a known fact, it is also one of the least understood aspects of the phenomenon: is the radiation a by-product of the propulsion system, is it a natural effect caused by the type of material of which UFOs are made, is it due to electronic signals used by those in charge of the UFOs for communication and intelligence gathering, or is it a combination of all of these?

UFOs give off light that ranges the spectrum from white to blue to red. In a recently reported case, on November 2, 1971, in Delphos, Kansas (USA), after a UFO had landed in a field, it left the surrounding area, including trees, glowing for several days. Persons touching the soil felt an unusual "numbing" sensation.[1] Reports of UFO interference with TV, radio, automobile lights and ignition are frequent. The late Dr. James McDonald, in an article entitled "UFO Study Via Atmospheric Physics,"[2] reported the case of a visible and radar UFO sighting from a U.S. Air Force B-47 plane in 1957 which was carrying Electronic Counter Measure gear. With the use of this gear they were able to discover that the UFO was emitting an electromagnetic signal of 2,800 megacycles. We have no way of knowing what kind of radiation might be detected coming from UFOs unless we have the right equipment available at the right time. But the radiation symptoms abound, and the indications are that it could be dangerous for human skin, eyes, and who knows what, to be over-exposed to this radiation.

The Pillar of Fire—Visible Radiation

As I have explained in detail in my book, *The Bible and Flying Saucers*,[2] it is my belief that the Biblical religion was brought about by beings from another world under God's direction. The Jewish Exodus from Egypt was accomplished through the intervention of that bright UFO, "the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night" (Exodus 13:21), which led the Jews out of Egypt up to and through the Red Sea, and using its propulsion system to split the sea so that the Jews could make their escape. My main purpose in this article is to draw attention to details listed in the Biblical account of the Exodus which indicate that the Exodus UFO gave off some type of radiation.

The most obvious fact is that the "pillar of fire" by night gave off light. This light apparently varied in intensity, perhaps even pulsating like lightning according to Ex 19:16. Modern UFOs often seem to be surrounded by a "cloud," as was the "pillar of cloud" by day, indicating the possibility that some type of E-M radiation was ionising the atmosphere in the immediate vicinity of the UFO. Even more to the point, the God who is represented by the UFO reality claims that it is his nature to "radiate." The Biblical term "the glory of God" refers to his glowing radiation. It is the "glory of the Lord," his radiation, which eventually, through the "pillar of fire," fills the Tabernacle (Ex 40:34-38).

Moses had his first contact with the "pillar of fire," sometimes called the angel of God (Ex 14:19), when it settled down in the middle of a thicket at Mt. Horeb, causing the famous burning bush. "And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed" (Ex 3:2). The Bible reports not only that the angel of God appeared as a "flame of fire" in the middle of a clump of bushes, but also that the thicket itself glowed, yet was not burned up, a parallel to the Kansas case cited above. The UFO apparently passed its radiation characteristics on to the bushes around it. This observation is supported later in regard to Moses' contact with the pillar of fire. "When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Ex 34:29). This report has its New Testament parallel when Jesus, in contact with a bright UFO on a mountain, begins to glow (the Transfiguration—Matthew 17:1-9).

It is my opinion that some type of radiation energy from the "pillar of cloud and fire" caused the parting of the Red Sea, baked the seabed hard and dry, and later knocked the Egyptians flat as they drove their chariots into the open sea channel (Ex 14:19-29). The Exodus moves from Egypt, through the Red Sea, to the "Mountain of God" (Ex 3:1), also called Mt. Horeb and Mt. Sinai, where Moses had his original "bush" experience, and at this mountain the Israelites spent an undetermined amount of time—certainly several months—

while Moses went up and down the mountain frequently to receive various religious instructions such as the Ten Commandments and plans for the Tabernacle, the collapsible Tent of Worship (Ex 19-40).

The Danger of Priesthood—Invisible Radiation

At Mt. Sinai, and in the instructions for operation of the Tabernacle, we receive further indications that the "pillar of fire" is dangerous, that one should not get too close to it. Before Moses goes up the mountain, he sets boundaries at the foot of the mountain beyond which the people are not to pass. "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze and many of them perish" (Ex 19:21). The holy nature of God is directly tied to the idea that it is dangerous to come near the Exodus UFO.

After the Tabernacle is built, the UFO hovers directly over the top of it. The priests who serve in the Tabernacle are given elaborate instructions about what clothing to wear when in the Tent of Meeting. "And you shall make for them linen breeches to cover their naked flesh; from the loins to the thighs they shall reach; and they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy place; lest they bring guilt upon themselves and die" (Ex 28:42-43). It is somewhat speculative to try to separate what may have been natural liturgical practice from necessary precaution in the presence of the UFO, but indications are that lack of proper clothing could be dangerous. Only the priests were allowed near the UFO at the Tent, and on one occasion Miriam was called with Aaron and Moses to the Tent for a meeting with the "cloud," and after the meeting "when the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow" (Numbers 12:10).

The Jewish custom of wearing skull caps into a house of worship is probably derived from the need to be covered in the Tabernacle in the presence of the bright UFO. Aaron, the high priest who worked in the "inner sanctuary," even had to wear a special piece of headgear made of gold (Ex 28:36-38), which might be a good radiation shield, as well as decorative (see also Ex 28:40). The priests had to be anointed with oil before serving in the Tent (Ex 29:7), which might serve as skin protection, and in fact the contents of the Tabernacle as a whole seemed to need an oil bath (Ex 40:9). That which became "holy" was able to stand in the presence of the UFO without being consumed by fire. God's burning "wrath" was a constant threat (Ex 32:10), and on at least one occasion two priests, Nadab and Abihu, made a mistake in procedure in the Tent with the result that ". . . fire came forth from the presence of the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord (Leviticus 10:2). Priests were forbidden to drink alcohol before ministering in the Tent—it was a sober, dangerous work (Lev 10:9). Moses himself would not be safe in the unshielded presence of God (Ex 33:17-23).

The ark, which became the centre of the holy in the Tent, was screened off from the rest of the Tabernacle. It too may have been dangerous.* It should be noted that as the pattern of the Exodus developed, with the UFO moving forward occasionally while the Israelites collapsed their tents and followed behind, the Tent of Meeting was not taken down until after the "cloud" left (Ex 40:34-38), and the cloud apparently did not settle over the Tent until it was rebuilt. Working under the pillar of cloud and of fire was dangerous business.

Some Speculative Observations

Probably the above remarks are all that I should make concerning such an obviously speculative area. One very troubling issue remains in the Exodus story, however, and perhaps UFO radiation is related to it. All who have read Exodus are familiar with the fact that after Moses had his burning bush confrontation, a whole series of plagues—frogs, gnats, boils, locusts, among others—came upon the Egyptians, reportedly caused by the UFO reality which guided Moses. Science has for some time been aware of the fact that radiation and biological function interact, and excessive radiation can bring about mutations as well as growth of biological life. My question is: Could intelligent beings from another world bring about plagues such as those described in Exodus by unusual control over the quantity and frequency of certain types of radiation?

We might also wonder to what extent the rate and shape of evolution on earth might be influenced by beings possessing skilled radiation techniques. There is little doubt in my mind that the "pillar of cloud and of fire" in the Exodus exhibited many visible and indirect symptoms of radiation. Before we can be certain about the meaning of these symptoms, we need more information concerning the nature of the radiation emanating from our modern UFOs.

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† Published by J. B. Lippincott of Philadelphia in 1968 (paperback edition in 1970 by Avon Books of New York).
§ For MUFON address, see Personal Column.
* [See also Dr. Bernard E. Finch: *The Ark of the Israelites was an Electrical Machine* in FSR Vol. 11, No. 3 (May/June 1965). Dr. Finch described the Ark as being akin to an electric storage machine resembling a Leyden jar which the High Priest was able to charge to a high voltage of electrostatic energy. If an unconsecrated person, or enemy of the High Priest, entered the Tabernacle, the Ark was discharged and the visitor was struck down with bolts of fire—EDITOR.]

NOTES

1 Reported by Ted Phillips in the April 1972 issue of *Skylook*. [An article on the Delphos landing by Mr. Phillips is also featured in *FSR Case Histories*, Supp. 9, February 1972—ED.]

2 *Canadian UFO Report* Vol. 2, No. 3. [Readers should refer to Dr. McDonald's article "The 1957 Gulf Coast RB-47 Incident" in FSR Vol. 16, No. 3 (May/June 1970)—ED.]

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Dear Sir,—I have recently read your article on "Doubts about the Lifjell Film" (FSR January/February 1972) and I would like to add a little of my knowledge to the report.

Although I was in no way connected with the flight, which as you stated was to observe and film the eclipse of the sun, I did see the original film on the cinema many years ago. At that time I had no great interest in UFOs, but I was a keen aircraft enthusiast and I still remember many of the facts as described at the time.

The aircraft used for the flight was a Handley Page Hastings (max. speed 348 m.p.h. at 22,200ft.) and not a De Havilland Heron (max. speed nearer to 165 m.p.h. than 200 m.p.h.). The windows designed to be detachable were Nos. 3, 5 and 7.

As far as I can recollect, the cameraman filmed people pointing *out* of the window at the two objects and I would assume that the photographer then had the sense to point the camera out of the window and not to film through a perspex pane. There was certainly no reason why the windows could not have been opened, as there was no fear of either types of aircraft having a pressurised cabin.

In view of these discrepancies alone, I would hesitate to accept any facts detracting the importance of this incident after so many years.

Yours sincerely,
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Camberley, Surrey.

About Dr. "X"

Dear Editor,—Allow me to express my deep and sincere appreciation for Mr. Aimé Michel's part 2 of the Dr. "X" case—especially the sensitive, fine and—in places—jesting way of handling this delicate and humanly touching subject.

I also would like to air a modest and personal opinion, which may be that of others as well, at the same time referring to a prophecy: Joël II, 28-30—refer point 7 "*Twilight of Reason*," §2, on "*Suspicion*": all this could be meant to induce us to train and exercise more faith and understanding, and also to undergo a preconditioning of ourselves, and of those open and responsive—to the events to come?—again Joël II, 30-32?

This then, would perhaps most appropriately fit in with Mr. Michel's italics at the end!

By the way, in Louis Pauwels' and Jacques Bergier's book *L'Homme éternel* the general outline—and "between line"—includes most decidedly a strong pointer in the "existance of UFOs" direction, though this may have been Louis Pauwels' doing.

And finally, have you any knowledge whether Robert Charroux's books:

1. *Histoire inconune des hommes depuis centmille ans.*
2. *Le Livre des Secrets Trahis*
3. *Le Livre du Mystérieux Inconune*

have been translated into English? They are extremely interesting and revealing.

Hearty thanks and compliments to Gordon Creighton for his fine translation of Mr. Michel's report.

Sincerely yours,
E. R. Pitlo,
Somerset West, Cape Province, South Africa.
February 2, 1972.

A new teleportation?

Dear Sir,—A friend of mine told me of a teleportation that took place somewhere in Sweden on January 4, 1972.

Unfortunately, I do not know the witness nor the time pertaining to that incident.

The person in question was travelling home when he became aware of the fact that his car was floating above ground like an aircraft. The wheels of the car were whirling at a tremendous speed, but did not touch the ground. He got a feeling of being lifted into the air. Consequently he had no control of his car. On his arrival he checked his watch. It took him four hours to travel the distance. Normally, it would take 60 minutes.

Had this to do with a teleportation, that put the car into a state of weightlessness?

It should be noted that the above-mentioned incident occurred three days after the start of the Scandinavian UFO wave.

Kind regards,
S. T. Helmer,
Bromma/Sweden.
February 9, 1972.

[*Our thanks to Mr. Sven Tommy Helmer for alerting us to this (possible) strange event. Perhaps he will let us know if he learns any more. Failing that we hope some other reader of ours in Sweden may have had a lead to the incident*—EDITOR.]

UFOs and TV

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see such a serious discussion on flying saucers the other week on BBC2. I thought the programme very good, and I think to get more serious interest in this very fascinating phenomenon the evidence should be shown to the general public on television more often. Eventually it might sink in to Government bodies to take more notice and to back a scientific study of this phenomenon. This would be the only way to get it accepted by the masses and brought out into the open as a serious and very important subject.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. Bastick,
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Pencoed, Glamorgan.
February 14, 1972.

[*Surely our correspondent must be referring to the* HORIZON *programme put out on February* 7, 1972. *He couldn't possibly think the other one was serious!* —EDITOR.]

More on researchers' "secrecy"

Dear Sir,—Concerning my letter of last month, in which I protested against secrecy by the FSR and quoted instances from Keel, Michel, Vallée, and Edwards: I have found yet another example of this sort of thing. In Vol. 14, No. 6, pp. 31-32, there is a letter from John Keel which states: "The majority of my reports go unpublished but are privately circulated. . . . The editor of FSR has seen a number of these reports and fully understands why it is necessary to keep them secret at this time." But the reader does not understand! Perhaps the explanation is in Keel's remarks on the next page, "The true facts are sensational . . . many of the cases I have uncovered are unpublishable because I have been unable to document them to my own satisfaction." If Keel thinks these cases are fabrications he should have kept his mouth shut about them; but if he has any reasons to suspect they are genuine then I believe those reasons, along with the reports, should be published so that the reader can draw his own conclusions.

Until then, all the average subscriber has are mysterious hints that certain cases are known to the editor but are too fantastic to be published. This tends to remind me of Bender, who claimed that the truth was fantastic. I had always suspected that Bender had an AVB-type experience, because of the

resemblance between certain odd details of the AVB case and pp. 154-155 of Bender's book. But now it appears that there must be tales far more sensational than AVB's, and I am at a loss to imagine what these could be.

The most fantastic tale I have ever encountered is in *The Man Who Took Trips* by Roy Ald, Delacorte Press, 1971. I don't know if you are familiar with this, but it deals with a man who, while under the influence of drugs, vanished before the eyes of his girl friend and found himself on another world amidst monsters and flying saucers. There he was forced to participate in a biologically absurd interbreeding experiment, whose purpose, he learned later, was ultimately to breed conscious intelligence out of the human race! He also received standard contactee messages, laced heavily with hysterical hatred of any scientific understanding of nature. This story may have been fabricated to provide a vehicle for Mr. Ald's sociological theories, though he constantly maintains its truth. However, since this story was publishable, anything unprintable solely because of the extent to which it is fantastic must really be earth-shaking. Knowledge of these cases is probably essential to understanding the truth.

Please do not print my name or address. [*Once again!*—EDITOR.]
A Ph.D. (name and address supplied),
Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

The Dr. "X" triangle

Dear Sir,—Regarding the article by Aimé Michel in *UFO Percipients** entitled "The Strange Case of Dr. 'X'." The peculiar skin marking which developed around the doctor's navel after his UFO experience, subsequently appearing in a corresponding position on his son's body, and which Michel says was examined with amazement by a dermatologist, is suggestive of that peculiar phenomenon colloquially known as "lightning photography".

Occasionally, close lightning strikes have made marks on people's bodies which were popularly thought to be photographs on the tissue. Today it is known that neither skin tissue nor lightning have any unusual photographic properties, and yet these markings do occur. According to Flammarion, a woman standing close to the strike point of a lightning flash subsequently had the image of a "flower" imprinted on her leg, which remained for the rest of her life. Also, when a sheep had been struck by lightning, a "photograph" of the landscape was found on the inside of the dead animal's skin. Frank Lane, in *The Elements Rage*, says that ". . . meteorologists consider that the images are the result of branching electrical discharges through the tissue. To doctors, such markings are known as Lichtenbergs flowers."

Could it be then, that the dermatological blemishes which Dr. 'X' and his son developed have their explanation in extremely high intensity electrical discharges accompanying the UFO(s), as a natural cause or effect of the phenomena, or were they perhaps generated by design?

I would like to add, as a tailpiece to this letter, that we hope to have an active research group in operation in the Brighton area in the very near future and we sincerely ask any local researchers who are interested in helping us with this venture to contact us at the address below.
Yours truly,
Martin Shough,
93 Crescent Drive North,
South Woodingdean, Brighton,
Sussex.
March 13, 1972.

Possible defence against humanoids?

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know what the effect would be if anyone finding himself in apparent contact with humanoids, makes a banishing gesture against elementals. It would, of course, have to be done before the humanoid used his paralysing powers.

On page 199 of *Psychic Self-Defence* (Aquarian Press), Dion Fortune writes, "The Christ-force is the equilibrating, compensating, healing, redeeming, purifying factor of the universe. It should be invoked in every operation of psychic self-defence where any human element, incarnate or discarnate is concerned."

On page 184 the writer tells us that the Pentagram is the best weapon to use and she explains how to draw it. On page 183 she describes the Sign of the Equi-limbed Cross which the operator should use on himself; and on page 186 the gesture which would seal the aura against unwanted intrusion.
Yours faithfully,
Mrs. Mary Boyd,
Hôtel Florybel, Longeraie 2,
Lausanne 1006, Switzerland.
March 19, 1972.

Strange UFO coincidence

Dear Sir,—Whether UFOs are from other planets or not, had you noticed the following coincidence?

It seems that record sightings in this country are reported at
BANbury and
WARminster
Yours truly,
Mrs. B. Barrett,
Sallymount, Nr. Private Road,
Rodborough Common, Stroud, Glos.
February 4, 1972.

Condensation of Matter

Dear Editor,—The following is written with the sole purpose of alerting readers to a new factor:

I have been very alert to the controversy of John Keel's two new books, and after reading them and as a long student of "occult" matters, I think that his theories can resolve the many sightings of UFOs, ghosts, monsters, etc.

Recently, Keel wrote for your excellent *Review* an article titled "The Principle Of Transmogrification."[1] To me, there is no doubt of what the author said.

But I am writing this article, because I think that we have to pay more attention to the "Principle of Condensation". I think that many of the so-called "hallucinatory" experiences, can be condensation or disintegration of matter.

To explain it more clearly, I think that these forces or beings are capable, in less than a second of converting their temporary bodies into solid matter, and in equal time converting the body to a visual image (not necessarily an hallucination) but of non-solid matter.

It is well known that many UFOs have been seen flying at great speeds without sonic booms, and this doesn't necessarily represent an hallucination, but an object of a very subtle construction, with the result that air passes through the object.

There have been, too, documented stories of humanoids who have passed through the objects.

What I am trying to demonstrate is that, for example, a humanoid can be solid outside the flying saucer, but at the moment of entering the object, he at will can soften its matter and as a result pass into the object.

In demonology there are many interesting tales of such condensations. For example, there is a documented case in which a man said that one night he was attacked by female demons (*Succubi*). While he was lying in bed there appeared in his room two beautiful young women who suddenly approached him. Then the women attacked the man, taking off all of his clothes. While the powerful women were doing this he tried to strike them with his fists but without result because his fists passed through them.[2]

Another story comes from Cornwall, in which a group of boys and men heard, at midnight, "what appeared to be the sound of a horse approaching." All of them then went to the road and saw "a creature about the height of a large dog. It went close to me," said the narrator, "and as it passed, it turned upon me and my companions with huge fiery eyes."

The creature continued running, but

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later on, when it was near a closed gate, "the phantom moved, and *without* any apparent obstruction, went at its regular trot, which we heard several minutes after it had disappeared."[3]

Another interesting case is that of a night watchman who encountered a stranger with a large black dog. The stranger, inexplicably, struck the watchman, who rapidly struck back, only for his hand to pass through the figure which emitted a strange sound. Then the dog fastened its teeth on the watchman's leg. Immediately the two strange beings entered a nearby house and disappeared there.[4]

The objectivity in cases one and three is undoubted. In case two, the sounds and the figure of the dog could have been an induced hallucination, but there is a chance that the sounds of the dog's feet could have been objective as well as his figure. Then as he was near the gate he softened his matter and passed through without any difficulty.

The first and third cases above are very interesting because the intruders could not touch the figures. Maybe the condensation in case one was in the hands, and in case three in the hands and in the dog's teeth, the rest of their bodies being non-solid.

I think that the ufologist should pay more attention to this condensation phenomenon. If an aeroplane passes through a UFO, that doesn't mean that the object is an hallucination. Maybe in that moment the UFO was not at all solid, and maybe they can do this at will.

I would like to hear comments about this theory.

Yours sincerely,
Alfonso Martinez Toboas,
17 Street, #1088, Villa Nevares Dev., Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, 00927.
February 7, 1972.

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Correction

Dear Sir,—I was disappointed to see the "printing error" in my report of the landing on Winkleigh Airfield (*FSR Case Histories*, No. 8, p. 16) as it has lost the most important point of the sighting, i.e. that the witness bumped into a force field. The line reads . . . "Just like walking into the sunshine." Whereas it should have read . . . "Just like walking into a cushion."

Yours truly,
Richard Farrow,
Oppegårdsvn 2, 1400 Ski, Norway.
February 26, 1972.

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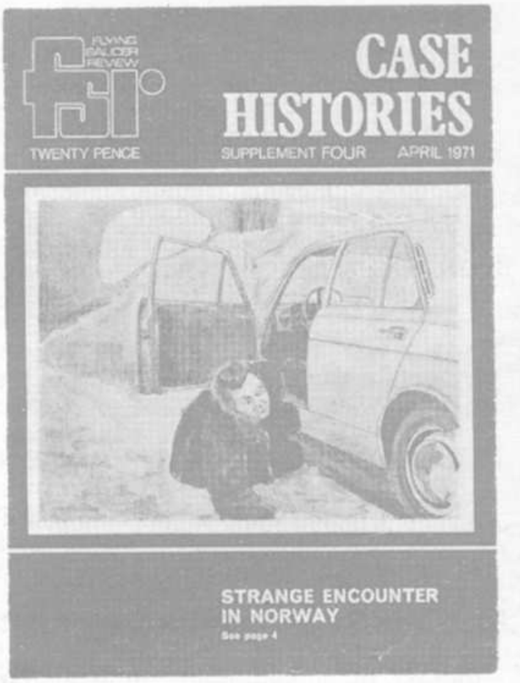

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